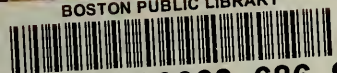


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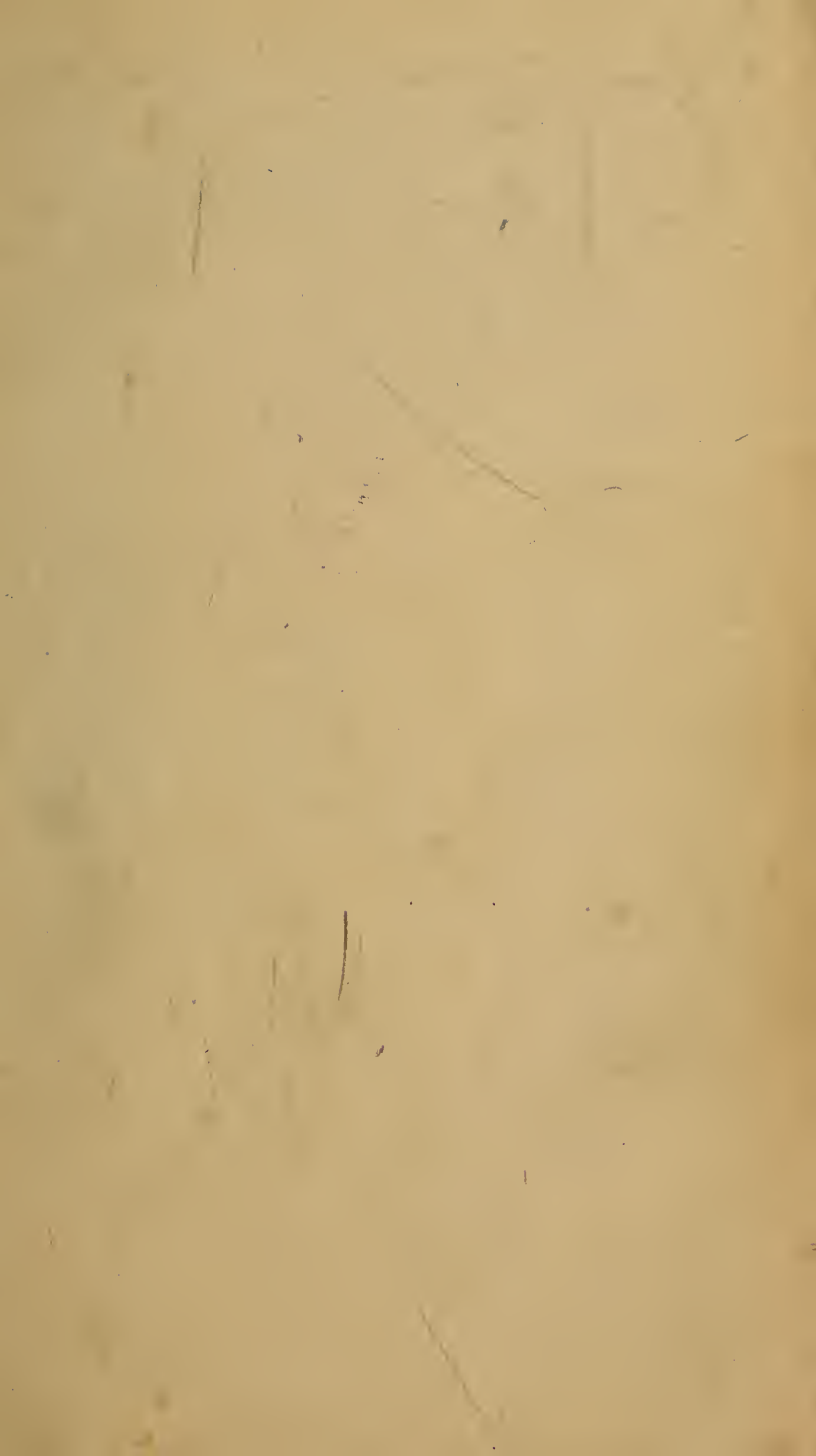
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BY

HIS ESTEEMED FRIEND, AND DISTANT RELATIVE,

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## FRANK PHELPS,

Who is the only son and child of Oliver Seymour, and Eliza Rebecca (Layton) Phelps, of St. Catharines, C. W.—:

Who was the 12th child of Oliver and Abigail (St. John) Phelps, of Old Simsbury, now Granby, Ct.—:

Who was the 3d child of Noah and Sarah (Adams) Phelps, of Simsbury, Ct.—:

Who was the 7th child of Noah and Mary (Tillotson) Phelps, of Hebron, Ct.—:

Who was the eldest son of Noah and Anne (Dyer) Phelps, of Hebron, Ct.—:

Who was the 3rd child of Timothy and Martha (Crow) Phelps, of Old Windsor, one of the mother towns of Connecticut—:

Who was the eldest son of Timothy and Mary, (Griswold) Phelps, of Windsor, Ct.:—

Who was the 5th and youngest son of Mr. William and Mary (Dover) Phelps, of (it is believed) Porlock, which is about 40 miles from Exeter, Somersetshire, old England: (As high authority for which belief, we here cite Mr. Abraham Phelps, of Porlock, now 57 years old, a bachelor sportsman, and learned antiquarian; who says, from old family Records it appears that nearly two centuries and a half ago, one Mr. William Phelps, of this place did, with his family, emigrate to America, and he has no doubt, but that this Mr. William Phelps is the same gentleman; and was the Great Grandfather of the late Mr. Henry Phelps of Porlock, of whose family there are only *two*, now living in England, himself, and his sister, Mrs. Eleanor (Phelps) Richards of London, England:) who with his unmarried brother, George Phelps, in company with 140 passengers, embarked from Plymouth, old England, on the sailing ship, "Mary & John," (the first one of the fleet, 17 vessels, of 1630) 400 tons burthen; Capt. Squeb, Master; on the 20th March, and landed on an Island, in Boston Harbor, New England, on the 30th of May, 1630— This brief and humble Genealogy is most respectfully dedicated, by the Author—

OTHNIEL PHELPS.

## P H E L P S .

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Phelps, or Phyllyppes as it was originally spelled, but always pronounced Phelps, was originally an ancient and honorable Staffordshire family; the superfluous letters in the name were dropped during the reign of Edward the VI. From documentary Records it is believed the family can be traced as far back as "William the Conqueror"! The old family Coat of Arms is described as follows—"Phelps (Russell Square, London,) per pale or and ar. a wolf salient az. between eight crosses, crosslets fitchee gu. Crest—a wolf's head erased az. collared or, thereon a martlet sa., on which is inscribed—"Libris, Josepht Francisco Phelps." Motto—"Confido et conquiesca." The interpretation of which is—"The parting per pale indicates that a fortification had been placed by Ancestors in the face of an enemy—: the wolf signifies courage and endurance—: and the crosses crosslet fitchee, being emblems of the Second Crusade or Holy War, shows that it was in that campaign; the Arms were earned or acquired—: the Martlet in the crest is the Martin or Swallow of Palestine, and indicates that an Ancestor had been upon a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, in addition to having been in the Second Crusade."

In our gatherings and gleanings, in our readings and researches on this subject; in various English works; amongst the numerous notices of our common Patronymic, we here record but "a tithe of a tithe" of them, as follows:—

In the proceedings in Chancery, in the time of Queen Elizabeth, page 5,—“Will Phelps and Barnabee Phelps versus Geo. Sherly and others—claim of house and farm at Dorsington, Gloucestershire,” which *fact*, to us, shows conclusively, both the *antiquity* of the name, and that it is an old Gloucestershire family.

“Geo. Phelps, p. p. 17, Elizabeth: to receive a deed of settlement—Dorset.

No. 33, page 10, pro. par. Eliz. Gyles Phelpes versus John Sydenham, Esq., to obtain recompense—plaintiffs, pains in business of defendant respecting the lands and estate of Sir Geo. Sydenham.”

“John Hunggerford versus Joan Phelps”—personal matters.

Also in Cal. of Pro. Chan. Eliz. p. p. 16—“Richard Pellips, alias Phelps, and Joan his wife, versus Francis Nevel, Henry Nevel and others—claim of lease, Bishopworth, near Bedmunster, Somerset.”

P. P. 32—Math Phelps versus John Leggall: to be relieved against a sale alleged to be fraudulent.” “The next presentation of parsonage of stock denays—Somerset.”

"52—Richard Nanfan, Esq., Alice his wife, and *Nicholas Phelps*, gent., versus Henry Brown and others: suit relates to purchase made of the dower of Isabell Witherstone, Wor & Gloucester.

"48, *P. P.* 5, Will Phelps and Barnaby Phelps versus Geo. Sherlye; lands in Gloucestershire."

"Proceedings in Chancery; Elizabeth; S. S. 12; Phelpham, Manor, alias Fellham; Sussex.

"T. & 5; C. Taylor versus Ri. Phelps."

"T. T. 3; Trevelle Phelps, Trevel versus Martin; about stocking farm, &c., Dorset."

"Calender to Pleadings; 2, 5, Edward VI.; John David ags. David." John ags. *Phelyp* versus Lloyd; Kidwelley & Carmarthen, South Wales."

"Rymers *Fœdera*, 1292; 20 Edwardus I, Burgesses of Berwick, (Berwick on Tweeds) Rogerus *Phelyp*."

"Phellippe, libr. de Roy de France, 1364, 28, Edw. III."

"Palgraves Parliament Record, page 781; Simon de Pheybo; S. de Phelys, Pheypo; one of the Fideles of Ireland; ordered to obey the instructions of Johanes Wogan, the Justician, concerning a levy of horse and foot soldiers mislested at Westinunster, 18th October, 1295; 23d, Edw. I.; 269, 13, and others.

"Philip, or Phelip John, Johannes Phelipes, Phelip, mancupator of Grimbaldus Pauncefot, knight of the shire returned for Hereford; 23, 34, Edward I. Philip or Phelip Ric; Ric. Phelip."

"Calendarum; Inquis Post Mortem; 19 Hen. VI; Willus Phelip, Miles."

Wylburgham para manerie et advoc eccles contab; Walton manire Horts; sex; Notts Darby; Oxon; Sussex; Phelippes manor, Suffolk Phelippeston under Loco, re; Johes Phelipp, Chivater; Portsmouth, sultir; 3 Henry V.

Lansdowne manuscripts; Sir Edw. Phelipps, Master of the Rolls.

"Harlean manuscripts; William Phelps; 1 vol., page 250, code 425, Art. 15; pastor and curate of Cirencester, 29th April, 1551, in the presence of Rev. Hooker, Bishop of Gloucester, his recantation: see also Bishop Hooker's life, published by the Parker Society."

In the County Historiés of England, Camden's Suffolk, John Phelipps, father of William, who married the daughter and heiress of Baron Bardolph, and whose daughter and heiress was married to John Viscount Beaumont; at present the seat of the ancient family of Rouse.

Hoars Modern Wiltshire; Phelps family tombs in Wilton church yard, B & D, 124; John Phelps, chalked 60; S. & T. Phelps, War, 51, & 68; Warmunster, parish of Upton, Scudemore C. T. Phelps, page 182.

Collinson's, Somersetshire: Matt. Smyth dis daughter married Thomas Phelps of Montacute, page 292; Member of Parliament Sir Rob Phelps, Bart, 1603, for Somersetshire, also in 1614, 1623, 1625 and 1627; Ed. Phelps, 1661; Sir E. Phelps, 1690, and in 1698, Justice of the Peace; Edward Phelps, do., do.; Revd Will Phelps.

Rudder's Gloucestershire, sheriffs of Gloucester city; 1670 Nicholas Phelps; 1680 Will Phelps; 1680 Joseph Phelps; Sheriff of Gloucester county, Geo. III.; John De-la-field Phelps; Mr. Phelps of Dursley, Lord

of the manor; monument at same place for John Phelps and his son John De-la-field Phelps, who was in the commission of the Peace, and served the office of High Sheriff of this county, 1761—Argent a Lion Rampant sable between six crosses crosslets, fitchee gules. John De-la-field Phelps was a great Antiquarian; he published a History of Gloucestershire, which was never finished; and these pages were advertised at 16-6, I. to VIII; though I believe I have made a mistake, for it was Will. Phelps, elected a Fellow of the Antiquarian Society.

Tithing Woodmacote—Mr. Phelps, Lord of the Manor.

Minsworth, page 580, Rudder says:—Jno. Hyet, of London, who was a poor boy in this parish, gave in 1763 £20 to prentice a poor boy every second year: preference is to be given to the names of Hyet and Phelps.

Rangworth, page 620: John D. Phelps, Lord of the manor, and repeats the arms of this branch of the Phelps', as above.

Precofe: An estate formerly Mr. Baldwin's, but now Mr. Phelps': and "Phelps" is another good estate belonging to Mr. Warner.

Westbury: Will. Phelps, and Mary his widow, both of Cute, in this parish, died 10th day of Aug. 1763; aged 43 years.

Cote: A good house, formerly the property of Will. Phelps, on the north side of the road from Westbury to Bristol.

Tewkesbury: Grant of charter, 3d of William III., the names of Edw'd Phelps, and others, appear as assistants to the Borough.

N. Phelps, Car. II., one of the Com. Council.

St. Catherines, alias St. Oswalds, Gloucester city; John Phelps incumbent, afterwards vicar of the Holy Trinity occurs in 1607.

Extracts from Bigland's Gloucestershire: Died, Eliza, daughter of Richard and Eliza Phelps, Nov. 9, 1760; aged 16.

Dursley Church: J. De-la-field Phelps; chancel—Arms, (there seems to be a discrepancy here, about J. D. Phelps' Arms, by Rudder and by Bigland,) per pale, a wolf salient between six crosses, crosslets, Sir Phelps impaling quarterly azure and or in the postquarter, a Hawke's lure of the second for Fowler. To the memory of John Phelps, Esq., who died June 16, 1755, in the 44 year of his age: this monument was erected by his eldest son John De-la-field Phelps, who died April 21, 1771, in the 37 year of his age. He was many years in the Commission of the Peace, and served as High Sheriff in the year 1761. Also Ester, his daughter, who died April 8, 1767, in the fifth year of her age. Anna Phelps died in 1724. Joseph Phelps died 1737; also Joseph, his son, in 1786. In grave-yard, Esler, wife of John Phelps, 22 Jan'y, 1757—Byland, page 516.

Dorsington: Rich. Phelps, Incumbent: Thos. Phelps, Incumbent in 1571.

Trowcester: John Phelps, Incumbent in 1736: Mar. Phelps, Incumbent in 1757.

St. John, the Baptist, Gloucester, Ann, wife of Mr. Phelps, 1709, St. Catherines, Gloucester.

Incumbent, 1607, Jno. Phelps, Vic. of the Holy Trinity.

St. Michael, Gloucester, on the grave-stones, eastern side: Jos. Phelps, Gent., 1704: Jos. Phelps, Gent., 13 May, 1704, aged 80: Joan, his



wife, Jan'y 31, 1721, aged 84: Susanna, daughter of Tho. Surinan, of Treddington, Gent., wife of Joseph Phelps, Jun., son of the first Joseph, 15 March, 1705.

Is it not singular that this name (Susanna) is the same as the one I am in search of, viz: Susanna, the first wife of Thos. Phelps, mentioned in the genealogical tree I sent you? says Joseph Lloyd Phelps, Esq., of 48 Lee Edgbarton, Birmingham, England, to whom I am indebted for most of these ancient extracts of Phelps' from English works.

Mary, wife of Jos. Phelps, Gent., 1729.

St. Nicholas: John, son of Nicholas Phelps, brewer, died in 1642; Nicholas died in 1643: William died in 1644; Jane, daughter, died in 1645.

Holy Trinity, Gloucester: John Phelps, Curate of St. Catherines, one of the Minor Canons, 1615.

Gloucester city: Sheriff Will. Phelps, 1680; Jos. Phelps, 1686.

In Notes of Nichols' Liecestershire, vol. IV., pages 140 and 141, E. H. Phelps, 1649; vol. II., page 144, James Phelps, 1783; Christiana Tufton left "Coston" to James Phelps in 1783; he was Captain in the Leicester Militia; he married a descendant of the Earl of Thanet, who died in 1636. Henry Phelps, Vicar of Cosby, buried Nov. 19, cui successit immediate, Sans Pepys.

In the Gentleman's Magazine are found several names of Phelps—: After the battle of Waterloo, Nov. 14, 1814, 51 St. Reg. missing; J. H. Phelps; Wellington's Despatchers. 1817, Edmond Phelps, Esq., by special licence to Ann Catherine, Countess of Antrim, May 24, page 562. Mr. Phelps, member of the Roxborough Clubb. 1819, Jos. Phelps of the Island of Maderia. 1818, died, J. B. Phelps, oldest son of T. Phelps, Esq., Banker of Crewkern, and many years Captain of the Crewkern Volunteers, and Lieutenant in Yeomanry, under Earl Powlet. Aug. 28, 1738, Mr. Richard Phelps, the noted Bell-founder in White Chapel, London; and the great bell on St. Paul's, placed there in 1710, bears his name, as also one of the streets of London. 1768, R. Phelps to be Provost Marshall of the Leeward Islands. 1777, Lewis Phelapiaux, Duke de la Vriltere, Member of State. 1794, Geo. Phelps, of Hereford, 82. 1798, at Bristol, Rev'd W. Phelps of Wilts, Co. Somerset, to Miss Christine Harford, daughter of Truman Harford, St. James. Ed. Phelps, Esq., appointed Yeoman of the Guard. 1810, The Rev'd Will. Phelps has nearly completed his botanic calender. Fellow's History, page 84: John Phelps, one of the two secretaries of Cromwell's Court, who sat in the painted chamber in Westminster Hall, Jan'y 8, 1749, and condemned Charles I. In an old Guide Book of Switzerland and Savoy, speaking of Vevay Cathedral:—In this church are buried Edmund Ludlow, the Regicide, and Andrew Boughton, who read the sentence of death on Charles I. These men sought refuge here at the restoration, and were protected by the Bernese, who ruled the Canton of Vaud. John Phelps was with Ludlow here. Thomas Phelps, born 1623, of an ancient family of that name, who resided for 700 years on their estate, near Tewkesbury, in Gloucestershire, came to Ireland a Captain in Cromwell's army; settled in the city of Limerick, where he married a Lady named Susanna, who died 1684; married 2d, Anne

Bradford, who died in 1708; Cromwell gave him 12 townlands, (3092 acres, 3 roods and 30 perches,) situated in the Barony of Owey and Arra, County of Tipperary; also another large grant in the County of Kerry, which grants were afterwards confirmed to him by Charles II., and have ever since been in the family, until the year 1820, when they were sold by the Master in Chancery, under the encumbered Estates Acts, to the present Lord Bloomfield, for £43,009. This Thomas Phelps was a Quaker, and is the worthy Sire and Noble Ancestor of the Irish Quakers and princely merchant Phelps: He died 13th August, 1697, and was succeeded by his eldest son, Joseph. Camden's *Britannia*, page 375, Dunnington, Suffolk, which boasts of its Lord John Phelipps, &c. Queen Ann, page 500: a Burgess for the Borough of Ilchester, in the County of Somerset, in the reign of Edward Philips, made Controller of the mint. Hall's *Chronicle of England*, the 30th year of Henry 8th, page 827: (Phylips) on Ashwednesday were Ihon Iones, Ihon Potter, and William Manneryng, &c., &c.

Indenture of Tho's Phelps and Rob't Carew of Ballinamoney, County of Waterford, Ireland, runs thus:—"This indenture, made the tenth day of October, in ye year of our Lord God one thousand and six hundred and seventy, and in the two and twentieth year of the reign of our gracious Sovereign Lord Charles the Second, that now is of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, King, defender of the Faith, &c., &c.

The probate of the *Will* of John Phelps of Bristol, England, runs thus—In the Name of God, Amen—I, John Phelps, of the city of Bristol, gentleman, in which he leaves to his loving sister, Mrs. Mary Fenell, wife of Joshua Fenell, County of Tipperary, Ireland, a House, &c., situated in the College Green, in the city of Bristol, &c., &c. This John Phelps is a son of the above Tho's Phelps of 1623.

The *Will* of Joseph Phelps of Limerick, Ireland, runs thus—In the Name of God, Amen. I, Joseph Phelps, of the city of Limerick, merchant, &c., &c. He appoints Joseph Fenell, of Kilcommonmore, in the County of Tipperary, and his son Tho's Phelps, his Executors. The seal is a griffin's head, or wolf's, on a ducal coronet. This is a son of Joseph Phelps above, of Tewkesbury, England.

In the parish Register of Dorsington is: "1601, William Phelps was buried April ye 8th." In the parish Register of Dursley, Nov. 7, 1675, Margaret, daughter of Tho's and Abigail Phelps, baptized. March 19, 1678, Thomas, son of Tho's and Abigail Phelps baptized. July 23, 1738, Thomas, son of John and Elizabeth Phelps baptized. Sept 11, 1738, Thomas, son of J. and E. Phelps buried. Sept 26, 1738, John Blagden and Elizabeth Phelps, nupt. Sept 17, 1739, Willm, son of John and Elizabeth Phelps baptized. Nov 28, 1740, Ann, daughter Joseph and Ann Phelps baptized. Oct 8, 1742, Thomas, son of John and Elizabeth Phelps baptized. May 9, 1744, Joseph, son of Joseph and Ann Phelps baptized. Oct 22, 1744, Ann, daughter of John and Elizabeth Phelps baptized. Feb'y 4, 1745, John Foyle Small and Mary Phelps married. July 23, 1746, Mary, daughter of Joseph and Ann Phelps baptized. Sept 2, 1746, Mary, daughter of John and Elizabeth Phelps baptized. Jan'y, 1747, Mary, daughter of Joseph and Ann Phelps buried. Feb'y 16, 1748, Mr. William Garnolds and Miss Sarah Phelps,

nupt. Sept 30, 1748, Ann, daughter of Joseph and Ann Phelps buried. Aug 8, 1749, Willm, son of Joseph and Ann Phelps baptized. June 18, 1755, John Phelps, Esq., Sepult. Jan'y 16, 1764, Tho's, son of John and Jane Phelps baptized. Jan 30, 1766, Elizabeth, daughter of John and Jane Phelps, baptized. Nov 27. 1767, William, son of John De-la-field Phelps, Esq., and Hester his wife, baptized. April 14, 1768, Skynard Daghatt, son of William and Hester Phelps, baptized. April 23, 1768, Skynard Baghatt, son of William and Hester Phelps, baptized. Oct 2, 1768, John Phelps, buried. January 18, 1770, Hester Sophia, daughter of John De-la-field, Esq'r, and Hester his wife, baptized. April 26, 1771, John De-la-field Phelps, Esq'r, buried. Feb'y 14, 1776, Ann, wife of Joseph Phelps, buried. Amongst the Tablets in the Porlock Church, Somerset, are, Abraham Phelps, buried Sept 22, 1724. John, his son, buried Jan'y 31, 1730. Robert Phelps died March 12, 1768, aged 85 years; and Mary, his wife, died February 29, 1784, aged 71. Abraham, their son, died July 1, 1796, aged 58. Joan Phelps died Oct 5, 1703, aged 43. Mary, wife of Richard Phelps, died May 30, 1753, aged 38; also, Elizabeth, his second wife, died Dec 1, 1780, aged 36. Mrs. Joanna Lyddon, daughter of Mr. Henry Phelps, died Nov 2, 1824, aged 20 years. Robert, son of Mr. Henry Phelps, died about 1837. Richard Phelps, a surgeon, many years ago died at Blaminster, Dorsetshire, leaving a widow and children. John Phelps, an Artist of some celebrity, un-married, died some ten years ago at Lyme, Dorsetshire. As an humble tribute of filial affection, as a lasting memorial of departed worth, of generous goodness, this Tablet is consecrated to the memory of Mr. Henry Phelps of this place, Surgeon, who departed this life Jan'y 9, 1832, aged 93 years; beloved, regretted, and esteemed by all; the father of the village. His wife, Joan Phelps, died April 27, 1861, aged 89 years. She was married a second time to the Rev Hugh Mair Passmore, and her remains are interred with his, in the cemetery at South-Molton, Devonshire.

Miss Lizzie Phelps, of Plymouth, writes:—My great grandfather, James Phelps, was a freeman of the city of London, and had eight children, James, Samuel, William, Joseph, Stephen, Mary, Jane and Sarah, all now dead. My grandfather, James Phelps, always lived in Plymouth, and had seven children, James, Margaret, Richard, (my father,) Jane, two Williams, and Elizabeth. James and the Williams' all died young. My father had three children, Margaret, James Henry, and Elizabeth (myself.) My brother, James H., married Miss Cornelia Ward, Feb'y 11, 1852; emigrated in 1854 to Montreal, C. E., and thence to Buffalo, N. Y., where he now resides, and has Richard Henry, William, Annie Westcote, and Hellenia.

PATCHWAY, near Bristol, England, Aug. 31, 1859.

OLIVER S. PHELPS, Esq.,

My Dear Sir:—Allow me in the first place to thank you most heartily for your kind letter, and the papers containing the memoir of your deceased father. I am a pilgrim child or travelling Missionary, and hence I am hardly ever at home. I have seen your friend, Davidson, some months ago, as I passed through Bristol. I am sorry to inform you that I have not time to look up the family of the Phelps'; if I had, should much like the work. I have no records by me of any kind. I think I have heard my father say our right name was Guelph. I shall not be able to give you such information as you most desire. I know but little of my own



family save this—I am the youngest of twelve, the rest being dead. My excellent father, Esau Phelps, was born in the Parish of East Pennard, near Shepton Mallet, Somersetshire. Their family had much land in said Parish at one time. I am not quite sure, but I think my grandfather's name was William Phelps, a tailor by trade; and so was my father. My grandfather had brothers—how many I cannot say, nor what became of them. My grandfather had two wives; by the first wife, he had two sons, one Esau, my father, and Isaac Phelps my uncle, who was a clever stone mason, and was in the English army in North America. We never learned that he returned from thence. Since my father's death, I have found a scrap of a letter dated from America to my father, from his brother—it might be as far back as 1773. My grandfather had by his second wife two daughters, Lucy and Phillis; they married, but I believe they are both dead. My grandfather died in early life, of small-pox. My father was left a youth to struggle into the world the best he could; after a short time he went to London, stayed there some years, then came into the country and married my mother, then Sarah Priddy, settled down in the pretty town of Castle Cary, in Somersetshire, was master tailor in that town for nearly 55 years, employing a number of men. He died in the year 1832, aged 82 years. He was a man of extraordinary qualities, both of mind and body, six feet high, wide chest, very upright, strong, robust constitution, never took medicine, nor ever had any illness till that from which he died. He was one of the most enlightened politicians in the West of England, a great friend of freedom and liberality in the highest acceptation of that term; a truly good man in heart and life; sincere in everything he did; a man who never had a blemish on his moral character—I wish I could say as much. I have heard him say that one of the great mistakes of his life was, that he did not go to America in early life. I have thought sometimes whether my uncle might not have changed his christian name abroad. There is a first cousin of my father's still living, (in the Parish of Pilton, near Shepton Mallet,) named George Phelps, aged 96 years. He has a son living at Presleigh, near Shepton Mallet, a farmer, who has been to America. There is a Squire Phelps living at Pilton Park, near Shepton Mallet. There is an Edward Phelps, a lawyer, in Bristol. One from East Pennard, he has had a brother, died lately, the Rev. Thomas Phelps, of Maperton, near Wincanton, Somerset. There was also Isaac Phelps, of East Brent, a lawyer, who died in College Green, Bristol, a short time ago, worth much property. There is a Phelps in Wiltshire, at Malborough. I have often thought that Samuel Phelps, the great Actor, is a relative of mine. I think so from the cast of his features. Last year, at Porlock, near Minehead, one Abraham Phelps, Esq., came to my meeting, heard me speak, asked my name; I told him Isaac, and he said mine is Abraham, and I feel assured you are one of our family. He is not a teetotaller, but is a remarkably clever man.

I will now give you a short account of myself. I gave up the drink in the year 1837, March 26; took the pledge on April 17 next. I have seen all kinds of life, from a "child's shoe to a jack boot." At 19 years of age I became a Marine; after which, was in the Marine Artillery; left them; was a short time out of the service; then entered the 57th Reg't of foot, from which I purchased my discharge; married a good young woman Nov. 17, 1831. I was just then turned 31 years of age. We have had seven children, all of whom have been true teetotallers. Three are no more; gone home safe to the world of happy spirits. My eldest son is in Australia. I have three home with me—two daughters, one 26 years old, a first-rate woman of a large mind and noble spirit—the other past, 16 years, promises fair to equal her sister. My son James Livesey Phelps, is above the average as far as goodness and principle are concerned. My wife is a noble good woman, true to all that's right and proper. I have given the whole of the last 22 years to the service of humanity. I was the first master of the first "Ragged School" in Bristol, during the years 1846–7. The operator of Mesmerism at Park street, in Bristol, as long as the institution kept in existence. I have not smoked for more than 30 years; 29 years since I took a pinch of snuff; nearly 16 years since I took any tea, coffee, or any other hot drinks. I drink only cold water. I feel it an honor to know that your father and yourself have been true temperance men. I am poor in this world's goods, but I would not change my mission for ten thousand a year, clear money. I am five feet nine inches high, as upright as an arrow, 163 lbs. weight, and 59 years of age the 8th

of next November. I have a lion-like energy, and good success in my mission; a very powerful voice, fair complexion, with very long light hair, and long white silvery beard. I travel with knapsack at my back, (soldier-like,) from place to place, from house to house, tracts in hand. I speak out of doors or in, just as circumstances may answer.

God bless you with a long life and a useful one. If my dear boy can be of service to you in finding out any information, he will be happy to do so. With love to you and yours I remain in the bonds of one common brotherhood.

ISAAC PHELPS.

P. S.—There is a George Phelps keeps a public house called Mount Pleasant, near Gloucester. There are also nine brothers of the name of Phelps at Ruford flour mills, near Gloucester, all light-complexioned men. Our coat of arms is, I believe, “a mailed arm and two wolves heads.” I saw your friend J. A. Davidson on Saturday last, and had some conversation with him. He intends returning to America soon, I believe. I should take it as a favor, would you, if convenient, forward me the papers containing the Memoirs of your late father.

Yours, &c.

I. P.

*Extract from a Letter dated Philadelphia, 29th Sept., 1810, to Will. Cope, of Dublin.*

“Prior to the year 1704, William Penn, Esq., the original proprietor and Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, granted to Tho's Pierce, Samuel Lavinier, Tho's Phelps, Richard Pierce and James Craven, a tract of land called Backlands, containing 5,000 acres; and appurtenant to that grant gave certain city lots near to the city, supposed to be in the County of Philadelphia. James Craven sold off his share; the 4,000 acres were sold by the four other persons, to Dr. Edward Hill. Relative to these Backlands, a law-suit took place, 27th August, 1804, with Nicholas Young and Will. West, by the heirs of Hill: The Court ruled, “that the heirs of Hill be allowed to fence in the four lots. Pierce, Lavinier, and Pierce, hold as joint tenants; but a diversion took place in their life-time, and they sold their 4,000 acres of Backland to Shutlock & Lane, of Dublin, on or about 24 Ap. 1804. The deed was made in Ireland, to James Shutlock and Ea. Lane. It is said that Doctor Edw. Hill, in April. 1817, purchased of Shutlock and Lane the beforementioned 4,000 acres of Backland, and that his heirs found their claim on that purchase.” Whereas it is insisted that the 4,000 acres were alone sold, and that the four city lots and the Liberty lands remained distinct property of Shutlock and Lane, and their heirs.

“WILL COPE,

“Haize Street, 6th May, 1811.”

Porlock, Minehead, Somerset, December 13, 1860.

Dear Sir,—I have seen Abraham Phelps often lately, and have read your letter addressed to the Clerk of Porlock; and thinking that you will get but little information from them relative to your inquiries about the Phelps family, have taken it on myself to give you an outline of this matter, gleaned from Abraham Phelps this morning, and will further prosecute any future inquiries you may wish to institute relative to the Phelps pedigree. Abraham Phelps, who is the only surviving branch of this family at Porlock, gave the following particulars:

The Phelps family were originally Italians, and were then called Velps. From Italy they went to Germany, and took the name of Whelps; then to Scotland, where they were called Phelps. From Scotland they sailed for Bristol, but through stress of weather were driven to Porlock Weir, where they settled down and bought property. The father of the present Abraham Phelps, now about 54, died about 27 years since, at the age of 97, whose great-grandfather was a Clergyman, and called William. In the Parish chest at Porlock there are believed to be papers written in old Latin characters which may explain more of the family. Some branch of the family left Plymouth many years since, for some part of America.

These are the outlines of the Phelps family furnished me by Abraham Phelps this morning, and if you wish any further information to be forwarded, and will

write to me, I will endeavor to gain such for you. But if it is a matter of much interest or consideration with you, I should recommend your employing some Attorney, when, of course, you would specify, particularly, the precise nature and end of your enquiries.

I would also say that there was one of the family, Isaac Phelps, living near Bridgewater, who died some time since, leaving his property, something considerable, to some people he had about him at the time, though legally no relatives.

Hoping the information I have given you on this subject may be satisfactory to you, believe me, dear sir, faithfully yours,

ROBERT FOEKS GOULD,  
Rector of Stoke, Par. Mainhead, Somerset.  
OLIVER SKYMOUB PHELPS, Esq., St. Catharines, Canada West, America.

COMPTON HOUSE, Sherborne, Dorset, England, Dec. 1859.

Sir,—I am the person to whom you refer, as the daughter of the late Rev. Robert Phelps, Vicar of Yeovil; and as I am well acquainted with the history and genealogy of the family from which I am descended, I am requested to answer your letter.

I regret, however, that so far from being able to give you any positive information about your English ancestors, I can only give you the negative information, that they were NOT branches of my family. Our name was never spelt "Phelps," but until of late years "Phellipps," and more anciently "Phellyppes." Besides, no member of our race is known to have emigrated to America in the 17th century, or indeed at any time. There are in Somersetshire, I believe, several families who spell their name like your's, but they are wholly unconnected with my family, of which William Phelps, Esq., of Montacute, is the present head.

In conclusion, may I suggest to you, that though it may be interesting to trace our earthly ancestry, it is a matter of the DEEPEST IMPORTANCE to ascertain if we are members of that family spoken of in Holy Scripture—Ephesians iii. 15, and 2 Corinthians, vi. 18.

When earthly distinctions shall all have passed away, the "children of God, by faith in Jesus Christ" will be welcomed to their Heavenly Father's eternal and glorious home, and acknowledged the heirs of the kingdom of Heaven.

Regretting that I cannot assist your search, I remain, your's respectfully.

A. GOODDEN.

YEOVIL, England, Oct. 10, 1859.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry I cannot help you. But there is a confusion of names. The Montacute family are Phelps, not Phelps. The latter is a common name in Somerset and Dorset; and a family of Phelps bearing for their arms a lion rampant were respectable landed proprietors in this Parish—temp. Q. Elizabeth, Gibs and Lawrence were their usual christian names. If you can prove, by documentary evidence, that your family emigrated from these parts, I might assist you further; but your statement that you believe they did, is too loose to proceed on.

Pray do not hesitate to write to me again, if you wish it.

I am your most obedient serv't,  
Oliver S. Phelps, Esq.

JNO. BATTEN.

PORTSMOUTH, England, 18th May, 1860.

Dear Sir,—I undertook to answer your letters addressed to my brothers and myself. A long illness is my excuse for its having been so long undone.

I am afraid we cannot help you in your researches at all. In the discharge of my duties of Executor, I found a number of letters to a deceased relative, asking questions on the subject, but cannot find that any answers were given, nor do I know if the inquirer is still alive, or in fact anything about him. He, however, derived the name as you do:—Phelps—Guelphs—and further, Vulphs—Vulpes; and hence the crest.

I am, your's very truly,

EDW'D S. PHELPS.



SPRINGFIELD, Essex, July 2nd 1860.

My Dear Sir,—The Rev. A. Pearson, Rector of Springfield, has searched the Register Books for your family name, but cannot find any trace of either births, deaths or marriages. I should have been most happy to have forwarded to you any certificate, if it could have been found. The fees for searching, and the little trouble I have had, I must trust it to your kind consideration to forward what you may think proper, as it rests entirely with yourself.

Remaining, dear sir, your's most respectfully.

JAMES TENISON,

Church Clerk, Springfield, near Chelmsford, Essex, England.

LIMERICK, August 24, 1860.

Dear Sir,—I have received your letter of enquiries respecting the "Phelps" family, and have placed in the hands of Mr. Joseph Phelps, hardware merchant, of this city, who will communicate the contents to Mr. Joseph Mapy Hawes, of Plassey, and to his brother-in-law, Mr. John L. Phelps, who is now in Scotland, and lately returned from Australia. These are the only men of your family that I know of residing here. Mr. Hewson informs me that the last and only surviving brother of the name, who sold the property to Lord Bloomfield, is George Phelps, of Moyallon, near Baulridge, County Down. I have also communicated with Mr. Hallinan, an officer of the County Limerick gaol, who is believed the only relative of James Pierce, now in this neighborhood, and who informs me that he has written to Mr. Pierce.

I am your obedient serv't,  
O. S. PHELPS, Esq.

W. FITZGERALD,  
Mayor of Limerick.

DORSINGTON RECTORY, Stratford-on-Avon, Old England, }  
January 15th, 1861. }

Dear Sir,—Your letter bearing date Dec. 12th, 1860, arrived yesterday, and was brought to me by the Parish Clerk of Dorsington, to whom you addressed it. I have carefully searched our Parish Registers from A. D. 1511 to 1700, and can only find one entry of the name of Phelps, a true copy of which I send you on the other half sheet of this note. Our Registers only commence in 1511. We have no records of older date. There is no family of your name now residing in this village, or the neighborhood. Dorsington is in the County of Gloucester.

I have waded through many years of our Registers, and having also to pay the postage of my answer to you, I must charge 5s for the trouble and cost incurred.

I remain, very faithfully your's, RICHARD BARBER.

P.S.—If ever you visit old England, I hope you will come over here and see the burial place of one of your ancestors. R. B.

"1601—William Phelps was buried April ye 8th."

The above is a correct extract from the Dorsington Parish Register for burials. Witness my hand, this 15th day of January, 1861. RICHARD BARBER,

Rector of Dorsington.

PLYMOUTH, 12 Radnor Place, Dec. 16, 1861.

DEAR MR. PHELPS,—We were much pleased at the receipt of your last kind letter, and regret exceedingly the loss of the former communications of which you spoke, and which never reached us. I should not have left you so long unanswered, but for two reasons; first, I have been very unwell for some time, and am still under medical treatment; and secondly, we have endeavoured to make the enquiries you wished, in Exeter, but unfortunately without arriving at the much desired information respecting the old Mr. W. Phelps of 1630. Exeter contains more than forty Parishes, which renders it difficult to discover to which of them he belonged; and again, on searching the Records, we find the papers relating to facts of more than a century ago, are so much defaced as to render the writing almost illegible. And the Officials state it to be their opinion that it would be a useless task, (referring to such a distant date,) as well as being most expensive; so I believe there is but the one plan, that of applying direct to the Heraldry Office, London, which we before suggested. I heartily wish we could have been more

successful in our enquiries for you, and shall still be delighted to hear how your "Work" progresses; but I suppose the state of the country at present almost entirely engrosses the attention of all, and renders everything else of comparatively little importance; but we must hope and pray that the terrible calamity of war may speedily be brought to a termination. Last week an American merchant ship anchored in the Sound, during the night she was totally consumed by fire, supposed to be done purposely, as the crew were discovered quietly making off in the ship's boat. Yesterday's telegraph brought the news of the death of our Prince Consort, at which all the nation mourns. His virtues have endeared him to the people, and his loss to the country can never be replaced. We send you a paper containing the melancholy facts.

I suppose your Canadian winter has quite set in ere this, while here, a day or two since, we caught a butterfly, the weather is so mild. If you can spare a moment, in these troublous times, to write us a letter, we shall esteem it highly, as the accidental finding you all as friends in the "Far West" has been a source of much pleasure to us. Little master Frank, I think, about this time completes his first year. With kind love from all here to your family circle,

Believe me, your's very sincerely,

LIZZIE PHELPS.

P. S.—I hope you will excuse my faults in this poor epistle, as I am still very weak.

L. P.

PORLOCK, 12th August, 1861.

To O. S. PHELPS, Esq.

Dear Sir,—Circumstances having brought me to Porlock for a short time, my Uncle (Mr. Abraham Phelps) has given me your letters, and begged me to reply to them, as he has a great dislike to letter writing. I am sorry that it is not in my power to answer all your queries respecting my worthy ancestors, but I will do my best. In the first place, then, Minehead is about 44 miles from Exeter; next, my uncle Abraham says, that there is no doubt but the Mr. William Phelps you mention in your letter was the great-grandfather of the late Mr. Henry Phelps, of whose family there are only two now living, viz:—my uncle Abraham, and my mother, (once Eleanor Phelps, but now Mrs. Richards.) She was his eldest daughter, and has resided in London with my father (her husband) for many years. There is no doubt but the Phelps' have lived in Porlock for many years, respected by all. My uncle is the last of the name; he is unmarried; a great sportsman; lives on his property, and is about 56 years of age. He is the youngest of my grandfather's family.

The Church books seem to have been very badly kept, as there are scarcely any notices of baptisms, marriages, etc., and upon examination, there do not appear to be any papers in the Parish chest which throw any light on the pedigree of the Phelps family. But Mr. Rowcliffe, Solicitor, Stogumber, Somerset, has been their legal adviser for many years, and doubtless he knows more of the family pedigree than any one else.

My dear grandfather, Mr. Henry Phelps, was universally beloved and respected. I herewith enclose you a copy of the tablet erected in the Church to his memory, together with all the inscriptions I can find in the Church in memory of my worthy ancestors. I am sorry that I cannot give you any further information, and hoping that you will kindly favor me with a copy of your Work when completed, I remain with best wishes, in which my uncle unites.

Your sincere English friend,

ELLEN ELIZABETH PHELPS DREW.

N. B.—I shall be happy to reply to any letter addressed to my own home at Barnstable.

PLYMOUTH, England, May 2nd, 1860.

My Dear Sir,—In answer to your letter dated the 15th February, 1860, and which has been a long time on its road, I am unable to give you any history of the "Phelps'." All I know about them is, that there are two families of the name of Phelps—one which has been settled in Kent for a great number of years, and the other in Somersetshire, of which latter I am one.

Wishing you health and happiness, believe me,

Your's truly,

Capt. H. PHELPS, R. N.

PROSPECT PLACE, BARNSTAPLE, Oct. 31st, 1861.

My Canadian Cousin,—I fully intended writing to you some weeks since, but have been waiting for a letter from Porlock. Upon the receipt of yours, I immediately applied to some friends there for the desired information—(my Uncle never takes the least trouble for anything, excepting his dogs; indeed other sportsmen call him the Father of the Chase.) My friend tells me that the Clergyman and his wife have both carefully searched the Parish Register all through the date 1630, but the books have been so badly kept that they are almost crumbled to dust; consequently they could not find anything legible relative to the Phelps family; and I am sorry to say that they could find no traces of a Latin manuscript which my uncle says used to be kept in the Parish chest. I know of no other source from whence you could obtain the desired information excepting the family lawyer, Mr. Rowcliffe, Stogumber, Somersetshire. I have not applied to him, because I expect he would not take any trouble in the matter without being well paid for it. I am very sorry that it is not in my power to aid you in discovering a clue to your queries respecting your worthy ancestor Mr. William Phelps, of 1630. I have written twice to my parents in London, but as they are silent on this subject, I conclude they cannot help you.

Accept my best thanks for the Family Record which you have so kindly sent me. Be assured I shall treasure it as a precious memento. I should (if possible) like to get your portrait in photograph, to see if you resemble the Phelps' of Porlock. And in conclusion I can only say that I shall be happy to reply to any letters, or to do anything in my power to forward your views. My husband unites with me in kind regards to yourself and wife; and believe me to remain your sincere English Cousin,

E. E. PHELPS DREW.

P. S.—Have you received two newspapers? Doubtless a letter from you to Mr. Rowcliffe would receive his immediate attention.

E. E. P. D.

25 May, LONDON.

Sir,—I have no connection whatever with the Copley you mention in your letter of the 1st inst. None of my family went to America except my grandfather, who soon afterwards left for the West Indies, where he died. You will therefore perceive that I have no connection with yourself, or any of the "Phelps" family, which renders any further answer to your note unnecessary.

Your obed't serv't,

LYNDHURST.

SILVER STREET, DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, ENGLAND, Aug. 15, 1860.

Sir,—Your letter of the 20th ult. was tendered to me on the 12th inst.; and, in accordance with a rule I have made, was at first refused, as a charge of 1s. 2d. was made thereon for postage. Thinking, however, that it might be a letter of importance, I afterwards received it, and paid the 1s. 2d.

I have waited upon William John Phelps, Esq., the only person of that name in this town, who informed me that his ancestor, Thomas Phelps, Esq., came from Salisbury, and settled at Dursley on the 14th February, 1647. He cannot trace his pedigree prior to that date, and is not aware that any of the family ever emigrated. Various other parties in this country to whom I have spoken on the subject, have been unable to give me any information. I cannot say in what county that Nether Tyne is, having never heard of such a place before.

I attach extracts of all the entries in the Parish Registers, (27 in number,) referring to persons of the name of "Phelps," from A. D. 1630 to A. D. 1776.

The Rector's charge for these extracts is 27s., that is 1s. each. I trust you will not think it too much, if in addition to this I charge you 20s. for the trouble I have been at in searching the Registers, transcribing the entries, and endeavoring to obtain additional information from the different people in the neighborhood.

I am, Sir, your humble servant,

GEORGE THURSTON,

O. S. PHELPS, Esq., St. Catharines, Canada West.

Parish Clerk.

*Extracts from the old Register of the Parish of Dursley.*

1—Nov. 7, 1675. Margaret, daught'r of Tho's & Abigail Phelps, Baptized.

2—March 19, 1678. Tho's, son of Tho's & Abigail Phelps, Baptized.

- 3—July 23, 1738. Thomas, son of John & Eliz'th Phelps, Baptized.
- 4—Sept. 11, 1738. Thomas, son of J. & E. Phelps, Buried.
- 5—Sept. 26, 1738. John Blagden & Eliz'th Phelps, Nupt.
- 6—Sept. 17, 1739. Will'm, son of John & Eliz'th Phelps, Baptized.
- 7—Nov. 28, 1740. Ann, daught'r of Joseph & Ann Phelps, Baptized.
- 8—Oct. 8, 1742. Tho's, son of John & Eliz'th Phelps, Baptized.
- 9—May 9, 1744. Joseph, son of Joseph & Ann Phelps, Baptized.
- 10—Oct. 22, 1744. Ann, daught'r of John & Eliz'th Phelps, Baptized.
- 11—Feb. 4, 1745. John Foyle Small & Mary Phelps, Married.
- 12—July 23, 1746. Mary, daugh'r of Joseph & Ann Phelps, Baptized.
- 13—Sept. 2, 1746. Mary, daugh'r of John & Eliz'th Phelps, Baptized.
- 14—Jan. 1747. Mary, daugh'r of Joseph & Ann Phelps, Buried.
- 15—Feb. 16, 1748. Mr. Will'm Garnolds & Miss Sarah Phelps, Nupt.
- 16—Sept. 30, 1748. Ann, daugh'r of Joseph & Ann Phelps, Buried.
- 17—Aug. 8, 1749. Will'm, son of Joseph & Ann Phelps, Baptized.
- 18—June 18, 1755. John Phelps, Esq., Sepult.
- 19—Jan. 16, 1764. Tho's, son of John and Jane Phelps, Baptized.
- 20—Jan. 30, 1766. Eliz'th, daugh'r of John & Jane Phelps, Baptized.
- 21—Nov. 27, 1767. Will'm, son of John De-la-field Phelps, Esq., and Hester his wife, Baptized.
- 22—April 14, 1768. Skynard Baghott, son of Will'm & Hester Phelps, Baptized.
- 23—April 23, 1768. Skynard Baghott, son of William & Hester Phelps, Buried.
- 24—Oct. 2, 1768. John Phelps, Buried.
- 25—Jan. 18, 1770. Hester Sophia, daugh'r of John De-la-field Phelps, Esq., and Hester his wife, Baptized.
- 26—April 26, 1771. John De-la-field Phelps, Esq., buried.
- 27—Feb'y 14, 1776. Ann, wife of Joseph Phelps, buried.

The above are true and correct extracts from the Parish Registers of Dursley, in the County of Gloucester, as witness my hand this fifteenth day of August, in the year of our Lqrd one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

GEORGE THURSTON, Parish Clerk.

50 OXFORD STREET, GLOUCESTER, England, June 21, 1861.

Dear Sir,— I have to apologize for not answering your letter before this time, but I have been prevented partly through illness, and partly in consequence of having so little time to spare to make the necessary enquiries for you. And indeed, when I did begin, I found so much difficulty in getting at anything worth writing to you about, that I actually gave it up as an hopeless task. However, I determined to make another effort to gain information; and sallying out one evening about 10 days before the date of my letter, I met a very intelligent member of the Phelps' family, who felt an interest in the matter, and the result was my introduction to a gentleman of the name of G. S. Wintle, wine merchant, of the city of Gloucester, a man in very opulent circumstances, and no mean antiquary in the bargain. This gentleman has rendered me the most important assistance, and indeed without whom I should have had but little to say of any use to you.

This Mr. G. S. Wintle has married a daughter of Mr. William Phelps, a gentleman farmer at Rudford near Gloucester; he died in the year 1857, aged 66 years, and was buried in the Parish of Rudford. He had two brothers who emigrated to America when very young, and have not been heard of since.

*Extracts from the old Register of the Parish of "Holy Trinity."*

Humphrey, the sonne of John Phelpes, was baptized the fifth day of November, 1635.

John, the son of John Phelpes, was baptized the 22 day of April, 1638.

John, the son of Nicholas Phelpes, was baptized the 18th day of March, 1640.

William, the son of Nicholas Phelpes, was baptized the 2nd day of May, 1642.

Joane, the daughter of Nicholas Phelpes, was baptized 6th day of November, 1644.

Nicholas, the son of Nicholas Phelpes, was buried 19th day of November, 1643, at St. Aldasis, (Gloucester.)—(c.)

Joane, the daughter of Nicholas Phelpes, was buried the 2nd day of July, 1645, at St. Aldasis, (Gloucester.)—(b.)



John, the son of Nicholas Phelps, was buried 12th Jan'y, 1642—(a.) at St. Al-dasis.

Humphrey, the son of John Phelps, was buried 13 day of Sept., 1638, of the Plague.

These I copied from the original book belonging to the Parish of Holy Trinity, which dates back to the first year of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, but on looking over Fosbrooke's Ancient History of Gloucester, kindly lent to me by Mr. Wintle; (and, by-the-way, I may say that this Fosbrook was a great friend of Mr. Wintle's father.

I find the following entries of burials at St. Nicholas' Church, (in the Church.)

John, Son of Nicholas Phelps, brewer, 11th Jan. 1642—(a.)

Nicholas, Do., 19 Sept., 1643—(c.)

William, Do., 25 Oct., 1644.

Jane, Daughter of Do., 15th July, 1645—(b.)

Those marked a. b. c., &c., I make no doubt are the same persons, only there is a mistake in the name of the place where they are buried.

Again, from the Corporation List of the city of Gloucester, there is the following:—Nicholas Phelps—Sheriff, 1670. Nicholas Phelps—Sheriff, 1673. William Phelps—Sheriff, 1680.

Extracts from St. John Baptist:—Anne, the wife of William Phelps—buried June 19th, 1709—age 35.

From Fosbrook's—(Gloucester):—John Phelps, incumbent of St. Catherines—from (M. S. S.) Furney, afterwards Vicar of Holy Trinity—1607. Holy Trinity Parish:—John Phelps, Curate of St. Catherines, one of the minor canons; dying, 1615.

NOTE.—Since I have been Clerk of St. Marys, and St. Catherines, and Holy Trinity, the Vicar of St. Marys was Curate of St. Catherines; it is now held separately; and as the St. Marys and Holy Trinity is in the gift of the Dean and Chaplain, it is always offered to the Senior Minor Canon. So that this John Phelps was first incumbent of St. Catherines, then Vicar of Holy Trinity, and perhaps one of the Minor Canons.

Burials at St. Michaels:—Joseph Phelps, gentleman, 13th May, 1704—age 80. Joan, his wife, 31 Jan. 1721, age 84; and Jean, Elizabeth, Joseph, Daniel, Edith, no date. Susanna, daughter of Thomas Surman, of Treddington, gent., wife of Joseph Phelps, Jun., son of the first Joseph Phelps, 15th March, 1705—age 22. Mary, wife of Joseph Phelps, gent., only daughter of Richard Hobbs, of Bishops Cleeve, gent., (near Cheltenham,) Gloucester?

Here I must close my enquiries for the present; but in the course of the summer I shall make further enquiries for you, should you think it worth your while. As to the charges for my trouble, I shall leave that entirely to you. But I have a request to make in behalf of Mr. Wintle, who wished me to state that he should feel very much obliged to you if you could send him any information as to the whereabouts of a Mr. John Varuly (query) painter of Romeo—Malcomb County, State of Michigan, United States of America, residing there in 1854—left the same year from Liverpool, name of vessel not known; but took with him a number of birds in cages. Any information respecting this person would much oblige Mr. Wintle, as he has an insurance upon his life.

As to the Phelps family, I believe it the most numerous in the city of Gloucester, some of whom are in most excellent circumstances.

I have the honor to be, sir, your's very respectfully,

J. A. SWORNSBOURNE,

Clerk of St. Marys Debode, St. Catherines and Holy Trinity,  
City of Gloucester, England.

48 LEE CRESCENT, EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND, June 5th, 1860.

My Dear Sir,—It is singular that two persons so far distant as you and I, should be occupying their thoughts on the same subject, and nearly at the same time. Your letter of the 18th April last was sent me yesterday, from Dublin, by my father's cousin, Will. Phelps, who was acquainted with the fact that I have been occupied for several years past reading and collecting facts relative to the Phelps' who went over to Ireland, as tradition tells us about, 1646.



Some years ago, having had a public correspondence with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Gladstone, I bethought me that I should make enquiry who and what my family was. We have a good reference Library here, and I amused my leisure hours with reading any of our old histories relative to the period of Cromwell; for it struck me that the John Phelps who was the Clerk to the Parliament, or at least Clerk to the Committee who condemned Charles I., was really a brother of the Tho's Phelps who was our ancestor, and head of the Phelps' of Ireland. Now I have not been able to trace this fact yet. This John Phelps fled with Gen. Ludlow to Vevay, in Switzerland, and I can hear of no further trace of him. We have undoubted authority for claiming this Thomas Phelps as our ancestor for the estate which has descended from father to son from his time, and which was granted to him by O. Cromwell, and confirmed by Charles II.—was in my father's hands till about forty years ago. I am the only child of my father, Thomas Phelps, and was therefore heir to this estate. It is situated in the County of Tipperary, Ireland, and was sold by the Master in Chancery, in Dublin, to the present Lord Bloomfield. I ascertained that this was correct; I mean the fact of O. Cromwell giving this estate to Tho's Phelps, 1646, by applying to the "Notes and Queries" published by Bell & Co., of London, and had a reply, to which I can refer you, also a grant of land in the County of Kerry.

I can send you a geneological tree, and other particulars, but as this is the last day of post per Canada, I send you these few lines.

Rudder and Bigland differ in their Histories of Gloucestershire, in describing the crest of John De-la-field Phelps, of Dursley, in Gloucestershire—one calls it a lion rampant, the other a wolf. Now our Tho's Phelps is reported to have come from near Teukesbury, in Gloucestershire; and our arms are a wolf rampant in field B, with six crosslets. This Tho's Phelps is reported to have been a Quaker convert, soon after he went to Ireland.

My father, years ago, wrote to his friend Mr. J. W. Harvey, of Limerick, to enquire if there was any registry of Tho's Phelps in the Quaker's meeting there; he wrote my father back word that there were several T. P.'s; and that there was a Tho's Phelps who had two wives, and 8 children, died 8 mo. 13, 1697.

From a letter (1811) from America, in answer to one my father wrote, the writer says:—Prior to the year 1604, Will. Penn, Esq., the original proprietor and Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, granted to Tho's Pierce, Sam. Taverner, Tho's Phelps, Rich. Pierce and James Craven, a tract of land called Backland, containing 5,000 acres, and certain city lots in the city of Philadelphia, but nothing came of it. I heard my father often say that he had a claim there. He died about eight or ten years ago, at Noan, Co. of Tipperary. The tradition of my family is this—that they originally came from the neighborhood of Teukesbury, Gloucestershire; that the family resided previously for 800 years in that locality. I can trace up our family easily to this Tho's Phelps, and can furnish you with a tree. I sent Sir Bernard Burke, which I expect he has inserted in his last edition of the Commoners of England and Ireland. He wrote to say that the arms I referred to were right, but that they were never taken out, and that the expense would be £10, which I of course declined.

I ought to add that I am now a clerk to the Bione T. Canal Co., where I have been twenty years; that I have a family of eight; that I was educated in Ireland, and entered Trinity College, Dublin, where I was two years; and finally, that my mother was Charlotte Lloyd, daughter of Samp. Loyd, banker of this town, where I was also born, though at the expense of the life of my dear mother.

I wrote to a Mr. Phelps of Dursley, Gloucester, in 1854, about his crest. He said their arms were described:—Per pale or. and argent, a wolf salient azure between semi and cross crosslets, fitchy Gules.

I am a member of the Birmingham Archiologicial Society, and we purpose going to Teukesbury, Gloucestershire, on the 15th of this month. I shall be on the lookout for the name of Phelps, you may be sure.

I will have great pleasure in sending you any other particulars, for I have been making several extracts wherever I met the name of Phelps. I even called on Samuel Phelps, the celebrated Actor, of Sadler's Wells, London, and I found from him that his crest was a wolf, and that his family came from the neighborhood of Cirencester, on the borders of the Wiltshire. I do not think you are

right as to either the derivation of Phelps, or that there are any of the name in Devonshire. I think they are Welch extraction, and that the name is a corruption or alteration of the name of Phillips, as the two names are often confounded together in documents.

I remain your's, most truly.

JOS'H LLOYD PHELPS.

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48 LEE CRESCENT, EDGBASTON, Jan. 25, 1861.

My Dear Sir,—I drop you this note to say that I have received your letter, dated Xmas, and am very sorry to hear that the papers did not arrive, which were sent at the same time as the letter, viz: 27th August last. I am afraid I cannot get you another copy of the Notes and Queries, as they are out of print. That of Phelps the Actor, of Sadler's Wells, I think I can get, and will send them to you. I dare say there are tons of newspapers which never reach their destination. A minute of our Post-master, Rowland Hill, tells us that it is necessary for the English public to put on each individual newspaper a penny stamp to ensure their going to the place directed.

I have been busy, or should have gone into this Phelps business before this. I shall write by this post to the Secretary of the Genealogical Society, and shall send you his reply in another letter. You have no idea what difficulty there is as regards both time, travelling, and enquiries, when in search of any Genealogical business. All the records are kept under lock and key, and great difficulty thrown in the way, if the parties searching are suspected of any ulterior money affair. These matters are mostly conducted by the Attornies. In the Parish Churches of this town, they charge a shilling for search of each year for a name, and 2s. 6d. for a copy of marriage certificate or of a death. Very few of the Registers in England go back further than the 16th century. Many were destroyed, and are being destroyed still, through carelessness. You are aware what quantities of old documents were destroyed in Henry VIII. and subsequent reigns; that it was a general complaint; even our own governments till lately, have not thought fit to look after these ancient papers. Now they are in the keeping of the Master of the Rolls, and a new place found for them in our new House of Parliament at Westminster. They were kept formerly in the Tower, and elsewhere; they are now undergoing a supervision by gentlemen from Oxford, Cambridge and elsewhere. I wish I had time to enter more into these matters, but you know as I occupy a situation with the Bione Canal Co., my time is not mine own. You need not fear that I will swerve on any opportunity of forwarding your views. I sent you the "Times" and two or three Bione papers last week, which I hope you will receive before this.

In haste, I remain your's very truly,

JOSEPH LLOYD PHELPS.

I shall write to our Postmaster-General, Rowland Hill, about the missing papers I sent you, and will make, as some of my friends say, a jolly row about it. I shall write as soon as possible.

The Prince of Wales arrived in England, before Xmas. We in England began to be very anxious about him, and so was his mamma. He was down at Oxford just before Xmas day; and one of my daughters who was on a visit there, saw him quite close; she said, what a dear little duck he was. Queen Victoria is as good, and perhaps better Queen, than ever was on the throne of Great Britain. All her transactions are conducted like a good and virtuous English woman.

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There are some fifty Phelps' names in the City Directory of London, and more or less in most of the cities, towns and villages in both England, Wales and Ireland—men of superior intelligence and sterling worth. But I must cease any more mention of those in our forefathers' land, herein, for they are legion; and the limits of this brief Record and Phelps Genealogy precludes it.

"God save the Queen," and prosper united Canada!

## G E N E A L O G Y .

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Some of the best blood of Britain, in 1620, fired with an holy ardor, filled with commendable zeal, willingly expatriated themselves, leaving all the endearments of home, the fascinations of society, kindred and friends, behind, took their wives, their little ones, (101 souls,) and as much of their worldly wealth as best they could; exported themselves on the "Mayflower," to seek new homes in foreign fields, amid western wilds, for themselves and for their posterity for all coming time, and to found a new kingdom, sundownwards, "the universal Yankee Nation;" with what success, the United States of America, at present, ocean-bound, alone can tell. Ten years afterwards, a fleet of seventeen vessels, freighted with fifteen hundred more such like persons, with their goods and effects, followed them on the same great, grand errand: the first one of the season of these sailing ships was the "Mary & John," a vessel of 400 tons burden, commanded by Captain Squeb, with 140 passengers, sailed from Plymouth, old England, on the 20th of March; (and so we came, says historian Clap, by the hand of God through the deeps comfortably,) and came to anchor by one of the many islands, in Massachusetts Bay, New England, on the 30th of May, 1630. Amongst these passengers was Mr. William Phelps, a gentleman past middle life, with an adult family and goodly estate, and his unmarried brother, George. These noble emigrants, with their two spiritual Guides, the Rev. John Warham of Exeter, and the Rev. John Maverick, of about forty miles from Exeter,—first pitched their tents, adjoining Boston, which place they named Dorchester, in honor of their pious patron, the Rev. John White, of Dorchester, England. This Mr. William Phelps, (family and brother George, the first Phelps comers, and Puritan pioneers,) was our excellent Ancestor, a man of pure piety and sterling worth. He lived at Dorchester for nearly five years; and with the Rev. John Warham and his little flock, in the fall of 1635, he removed to good old Windsor, one of the mother towns on the Connecticut River plantation, where he spent the remainder of his days in honor and usefulness.

From Colonial Records we learn that on the 19th of October, 1630, William Phelps applied to be made a Freeman. That on the 9th of November, 1630, he was chosen a member of the first Jury empannelled in the Colony, to try Walter Palmer for killing Austin Bratcher. That on the 27th of September, 1631, he was chosen a Constable of Dorchester. That on the 9th of May, 1632, he was one of two Commissioners for the Dorchester Plantation, appointed to confer with the General Court about raising a public stock. That on the 4th of March,



1633, he was appointed by the General Court one of three Commissioners, to set bounds between Boston and Roxbury. That on the 14th of May, 1634, he was a Member of the General Court (Legislature) held at Boston: and at this Court was appointed one of four Commissioners to view the place, and certify to the next General Court whether Boston shall have convenient enlargement at Mount Wallaston. That on the 6th of May, 1635, he was a Member of the General Court held at New Towne: and that, in the course of this year, by order of the General Court, he established the bounds between Hingham and Weymouth, &c., &c., &c.

While New England was still a Colony of Old England, in the eleventh year of the reign of Charles I., at a General Court (Legislature) held at New Towne, Massachusetts, on the 3d of March, 1636, a Commission of the Peace was issued, of which the following is a correct copy, kindly furnished us by the late Ansel Phelps, Jr., Mayor of Springfield, Mass. :—

Whereas, upon some reasons and grounds, these are to remove from this or Comonwealth in America dyv[rs] of or loveing ffrinds, neighbors, ffreemen & members of New Towne, Dorchestr, Waterton & other places, whoe are resolved to transplant themselves and their estates vnto the Ryver of Conecticott, there to reside & inhabite, and to that end dyv[rs] are there already, and dyv[rs] others shortly to goe, wee in this present Court assembled, on behalfe of or said membrs & John Winthrop, Jun. Esq., Gounr, appoynted by certaine noble psonages & men of qualitie interested in the said ry[vr,] wch are yet in England, on their behalfe, have had a serious consideracon thereon, & thinke it meete that where there are a people to sitt down & cohabite, there will followe upon occacon some cause of difference, as also dyv[rs] misde-mean[rs] wch will require a speedy redresse, & in regard to the distance of place, this state Goumt cannot take notice of the same as to apply timely remedy, or to dispence equall iustice to them & their affaires as may be desired; and in regard to the said noble psonages and men of qualitie have some thing ingaged themselves & their estates in the planting of said ryvr, and by virtue of a pattent doe require iurisdic'on of the said place & people & weithen the mindes of the said psonages (they being writ vnto) are as yet known, nor any manner of goumt is agreed on, and there being a necessitie, as aforesaid that some present goumt may be observed, wee, therefore, thinke mee[te] & doe order that Roger Ludlowe Esqr., Willm Pinchon Esqr., John Steele, Willm Swaine, Henry Smythe, Willm Phelps, Willm Westwood, and Andrew Ward, or the greatr pte of them, shall have full power & authoritie to hear & determine in a iudiciall way, by witnesses vpon oathe examine within said Plantacon, all those differences wch may arise between ptie & ptie, as also vpon misdemeaneur, to inflicte corporall punishmt & on imprisonment to ffine, & levy the same if occacon so require, to make & decree such orders, for the present, that may be for the peaceable & quiett ordering the affaires of the said Plantacon both in tradeing, planting, building, militarie discipline, defensive warr, (if neede soc require) as shall best conduce to the publique good of the same; & that the said Roger Ludlowe, Willm Pinchon, John Steele, Willm Swaine, Henry

Sinyth, WILLM PHELPS, Willm Westwood & Andrew Ward, or the greater pte of them, shall have power vnder the greater pte of their hands, att a daye or dayes by them appoynted, vpon convenient notice to convent the said inhabitants of the said townes to any convenient place that they shall thinke meete, in a legal & open manner, by way of Court, to pceed in executcing the power and auctoritie aforesaid; and in case of psent necessitie two of them ioyning togeather, to inflict corpall punishment vpon any offender, if they see goode & warranteable grounds soe to doe: provided allways, that this Commission shall not extend any longer time than one whole year from the date thereof; & in the meane time it shall be lawfull for this Court to recal the said psents if they see cause, & if soe be there may be a mutuall and settled goun't condiscended vnto by & with the goode likeing & consent of the said not'ble psonages, or their agent, the inhabitants & this Comonwealthe: provided allsoe, that this may not be any prejudice to the interst of those noble psonages in the s'd ryver & confines thereof within their seuall lymitts.

The first act of government on record, relating to Simsbury, Ct., whose Indian name was Massacoe, was an order passed by the Court of 1642, of which Mr. William Phelps was a member, and is in these words—"It is ordered that the Governor and Mr. Haynes shall have liberty to dispose of the ground upon that part of Tunxus river, called Massacoe, to such inhabitants of Windsor as they shall see cause."

Of Mr. Phelps, the historian, Dr. Henry R. Stiles, says, "he was one of the most prominent and highly respected men in the Colony; he was a member of the first Court (Legislature) held in Connecticut, in 1636; also of the Court in 1637, which declared war against the Pequots: a Magistrate from 1638 until the close of 1642: in 1643 he was the Foreman of the first Grand Jury: Deputy in 1645, '46, '47, '48, '49, 51 and '57: in 1658 he was again made Magistrate, which office he continued to hold for four years after: he is frequently named on the Petit Jury; and in 1641 was appointed, in company with Mr. Welles of Hartford, a Committee on "*Lying!*" (such a Committee is very much needed universally, now-a-days, we opine): he was an excellent, pious and upright man in his public walks and private ways: and was truly a pillar in both Church and State. His residence in Windsor, Ct, was about three-quarters of a mile north-west of Broad street, on the road to Poquonnoc, on the place now owned by Deacon Roger Phelps.

•Ould Mr. William Phelps, for so he was generally called by his neighbors, was born, probably, at Porlock, hear Minehead, Somersetshire, Eng., about the year 1590. Of his parents and ancestors, we have as yet been unable to documentarily discover them with any degree of accuracy or certainty. He married *first* in England, but to whom we know not, by which he had issue as follows: <sup>1</sup>William, born at Porlock, England, who married in Windsor, Ct., Isabella Willson, June 4, 1646, now since 29 years, and has not a child, this 15th of June, 1674; after her death, he married Sarah Pinney, Dec. 20, 1676, and had no issue: <sup>2</sup>Samuel, born at Porlock, England, married in Windsor, Ct., Sarah Griswold, Nov. 10, 1650, and died May 15, 1669: <sup>3</sup>Nathaniel, born at Porlock, England, married in Windsor, Ct., Elizabeth Copley, Sept. 17, 1650, and removed to Northampton, Mass., where he died May 1, 1690:

Joseph, born at Porlock, England; married in Windsor, Ct., Hannah Newton, Sept. 20, 1660; removed to Simsbury, Ct., where he died in 1684. Ould Mr. Phelps married, second, Mary Dover, an English woman, at Windsor, Ct., in 1638, by whom he had<sup>1</sup> Timothy, born in Windsor, Ct., Sept. 1, 1639; and<sup>2</sup> Mary, born in Windsor, Ct., March 2, 1644, who married Thomas Barber, Dec. 13, 1660, settled in Simsbury, Ct., and were the ancestors, it is believed, of the numerous families of that name (Barber) in this section of the country. Ould Mr. William Phelps died at Windsor, Ct., July 14, 1672; and his second wife died there also, Nov. 27, 1675; both, like a "shock of corn fully ripe" in a good old age. Peace to their ashes!

The land described in the following deed of confirmation was bought of the "Red Men of the Forest," some time in 1635, by Mr. William Phelps, who afterwards, not being able to prove full payment of the same, honestly bought it over again. This Indian deed reminds us of some of the late Captain Joseph Brant's deeds on the Grand River, C. W., and other notable Sachems, and are quaint curiosities of queer bargains in early times:—

These presents testify, whereas there was a parcel of land purchased formerly by Mr. William Phelps, Sen., living at Windsor, about 30 years since, of Sebat, an Indian, a Paquanick Sachem; and I, [Phelps,] not being able to prove full payment of the said purchase, in consideration whereof, I now engage to make up the full payment by paying to the said Sebat's kinsman, Nassahegan, Sachem of Paquanick, 4 trucking coats, or what upon agreement shall satisfy them to the value thereof. The said Nassahegan engaging to make said parcel of land free as shall be expressed from any challenge or demands for future time of himself, his heir, or successors, or any other Indian or Indians whatsoever. And Coggerynosset, Sebat's son, and his sister, and the said Nassahegan's own sister shall subscribe to the said premises. The said parcel of land is thus bounded, as it takes in all the first meadow bounded by the rivulet, the Indian name being Tauchag, and half the 2nd meadow, according to the running of the river, the Indian name being Pabachimusk; the parcel of land bounds south by a little brook that falls into the river, about 40 rods from my now dwelling-house, and to extend in length from the river westward upon a line three miles, all the breadth the said land from the south brook to the middle of the 2nd meadow: which said agreement is made and assigned to by us, whose names are underwritten this year of the Lord, 1665, March 31st, owned already paid in two coats, and 40s. in wampum for a third coat, and six bushels of Indian corn, and fifteen shillings in wampum for a fourth coat; and fifteen shillings in wampum is at six a penny.

WITNESSES.

SAMUEL PHELPS,

MATTHEW GRANT,

JOHN BARTLETT,

TIMOTHY BUCKLAND.

COGGERYNOSSET,

ASUTHEW, Coggerynosset's Sister.

PATAKHOUSE, Nassahegan's Sister.

AMANNAWER, Nassahegan's Sister.

NASSAHEGAN.

In February, 1666, "Whereas, there are several men that have land within the limits of it (the purchase aforesaid,) both meadow and upland, besides Mr. Phelps and his sons, it was therefore concluded that each man, according to his proportion of land, capable of plowing or mowing, should pay 12 pence per acre to Mr. Phelps: and each one paying to Mr. Phelps should afterwards have a clear title to their several shares of land." We very much doubt whether *that land*, right in the city of Windsor, Ct., could now be purchased for *twelve pence per acre*, any more than some of Brant's land in Dunnville, Cayuga, Tuscarora, Brantford, &c., &c., (sold originally for a "*song*," ) could now be bought for that trifling penny sum per acre.



& 7 His settlement *Deed* or *Will* to his son, we here insert:—

W<sup>h</sup> These presents testifie, that I, William Phelps, of Windsor, on Connecticut, in  
 fir<sup>st</sup> consideration of a marriage concluded, between my son Timothy, on the one  
 17<sup>th</sup> ty, and Mary, the daughter of Edward Griswold, on the other party, have  
 17<sup>th</sup> en and granted, and by these presents do give and grant, unto my said son:—  
 That he the said Timothy shall joyntly enjoy and possess, together with me, all  
 my houseing lands and accommodations, as also all my estate both real and per-  
 sonal, both within dore and without, with all the profits and Imoluments, products,  
 and income of the same, during my natural life; and my said son is to Inhabit  
 and Dwell in my house with me, and my wife in joyent way; and that it shall  
 continue during my natural life; and if my wife shall survive me, she shall have  
 and enjoy, in a joynt way, with my son, the estate, for her maintainance, as before  
 expressed; but if my wife shall chuse to settle in any place, and to Leave the  
 house, then my said son shall pay yearly to my wife the sum of ten ponnnds, during  
 her natural life: And in case I myself, in my life-time, or my wife after my de-  
 cease in her life-time, while she abides to inhabit with my said son, Timothy, she  
 see cause, or desire it, I do reserve power both for myself and for her, after my  
 decease, to Dispose of a Barrell or Two of Cyder, and some apples, yearly, without  
 any harm to the premises: and likewise I do Reserve Like Liberty for myself  
 and my wife to Dispose of our wearing apparrell, and whome we shall think meet  
 to enjoy them after our decease. Also, I do give my wife full power of Bequeath-  
 ing the great brass pan, at her decease, and my son Timothy is to carry on the  
 improvement of the whole estate, and to order and Dispose of the stoek, so far as  
 necessity of our substinence shall Require, and after my Decease, and the De-  
 cease of my now wife, my said son Timothy shall have and enjoy all my whole  
 estate, forementioned, to him and his heirs forever.

Always provided that in case my said son Timothy shall dye and Leave no natu-  
 ral Heir, begotten by him that shall either not attain the age of twenty-one years,  
 or Marry, then the one-half of my Lands, excepting the orchard and pasture, down  
 to the bridge that goeth into the meadow: also the upper pasture by the house,  
 that shall belong to the house, shall return to William, the son of my son Samuel  
 Phelps.

Also, my son Timothy is to pay out of the estate, Imprimis, to Discharge to my  
 Daughter Mary, with that which is paid, the sum of thirty-five pounds, which  
 is the full portion that I allow her.

Also, to my son William, twenty shillings. To Samuel, ten pounds. To Na-  
 thaniel fifteen pounds. To Joseph, five pounds. These Lragesses to my sons to be  
 Discharged within two years after my Decease. In consideration of the premises,  
 we both have hereunto set our hands this 22 day of April, Anno Dom. 1660.

Witness to the Assignment.

WILLIAM PHELPS,  
 TIMOTHY PHELPS.

DANIEL CLARK,  
 JANE ALFORD.

Entered on the Windsor. Ct. Register, July 26, 1672. Matthew Grant, Register.

Lieut. Timothy Phelps, fifth and youngest son of William and Mary  
 (Dover) Phelps, was born at Windsor, Ct., Sept. 1, 1639: married Mary  
 (daughter of Edward) Griswold, formerly of Kenilworth, Warwickshire,  
 England, May 19, 1661. He died in 1719: His children, all born in  
 Windsor, Ct., twelve in number, are as follows—Timothy, born Nov. 1,  
 1663—Joseph, born Sept. 27, 1666, who married Sarah Hosford, Nov.  
 18, 1686, and was a large land-holder in Hebron, Ct., as Dr. H. R.  
 Stiles has it: William, born Feb'y 4, 1668, who married first Abigail  
 Mudge Dec. 7, 1699, who died April 24, 1705, who married second  
 Ruth Barber April 18, 1706: Cornelius, born April 26, 1671, who  
 married Sarah Mansfield Nov. 2, 1704: Mary, born Aug. 14, 1673,  
 who died March 23, 1696. Samuel, born Jan'y 29, 1675, who married  
 Abigail Enno April 3, 1707: Nathaniel, born Jan'y 7, 1677, who mar-  
 ried Hanuah Bissell, March 28, 1700, and had Solomon, who had Solo-  
 mon, who had Epaphras Lord, the father of Solomon and Hiram Phelps  
 of Mount Pleasant, C. W.: Sarah, born Dec. 27, 1679, who died with-

out issue: Abigail, born June 5, 1682, who, it is believed, married Samuel Marshall, July 12, 1706: Hannah, born Aug. 4, 1684: Ann born Oct. 2, 1686, who married David Porter (we think) Jan'y 13, 1707: Martha, born Nov. 12, 1688, who married Corporal Samuel Holcomb Oct. 13, 1709.

The following is the *Will* of Mr. William Phelps' son, Joseph's Joseph.

In the name of God, Amen! I, Joseph Phelps, of ye Town of Simsbury and County of Hertford, and Colony of Connecticut, by reason of my age and infirmities of body, and calling to mind ye mortality of my body, and knowing it is appointed unto all men once to dye, doe therefore see cause to make and ordain this my last Will and Testament—yt is to say. Principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into ye hands of God yt gave it, and my body to ye earth to be buried at ye discretion of my executors—nothing doubting but at ye general Resurrection I shall receive ye same again by ye mighty power of God. And as touching worldly goods wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with all, after my sick bed and funeral charges, with all my other lawful debts shall be paid, I see cause to dispose of ye same in ye following manner:—

I give unto my well beloved wife Mary one third part of my personal estate (except my negro man Tom) to be her own forever. Also, I doe give unto my said wife ye use and improvement of all my buildings, and lands which I have under improvement, so long as she sha'l remain my widow, and also ye use of my negro man Tom ye time yt she shall be my widow. Also I doe give her my great Bible, her own and at her own disposal.

ITEM. As to my son Joseph, to whom I have lately given by a Deed of gift, three tracks or parcels of land, with what I have already before given him, I doe now reckon to him for yt as his portion or part of my estate.

ITEM. I give unto my son Amos, to his heirs and assigns forever, my meadow lot with ye upland adjoining thereto. The said Meadow lyeth joining to his own land. Also about seven acres of Land yt was laid out to me by ye Committee, bounding south on Farmington, lying on ye hill a little south side from his house. Also my lands in Farmington yt I bought of Daniel Andross and Joseph Woodford, lying a little south from his house.

ITEM: I doe also give unto my son David, and to his heirs and assigns forever, all ye lands that I have on ye east side of ye mountain, near to Stephen Goodwin's, lying on ye east side of ye highway. Also my lands on ye mountain north of ye sidelings way (as it is called) bounding southerly on ye highway. Also that land that I bought of Samuel Pettibone, lying on ye hill east from Neatogue houses, bounding northerly on ye highway. Also my land on ye hill east from my house, bounding northerly on ye highway and westerly on lands of Samuel Norton, north side on lands of Capt. Cornish, and east on Benjamin Mills's land. Also my Dwelling house and barn and home lot, with all my pasture land & marsh land & meadow land as it lyeth joining one to another & to my home lot. Also, I give to my son David my Lot lying in Farmington which I bought of my son Joseph—he always allowing to my son Amos & to his successors forever a convenient pass-way upon ye north end thereof for my son Amos to goe with cattle and cart, &c. to said Amos's land as he or they shall have occasion.

ITEM. I also give unto my daughter Damaris, and to her own disposal ye sum of eighty pounds money worth of ye old tenor according to ye appraisement of men to be paid out of my estate by my executors.

ITEM. I also give unto Samuel Humphreys, son of my daughter Hannah, deceased, ye sum of five pounds money of ye old tenor worth, to be paid by my Executors out of my moveable estate by appraisement.

ITEM. I also give unto my daughter Elizabeth & to her own disposal ye sum of eighty pounds money of ye old tenor worth, to be paid by my Executors out of my moveable estate by appraisement.

ITEM. Also I doe give unto my son David my negro man Tom, to come into his use and service after ye death of my wife, or if after my decease my wife shall marry, then my negro man Tom to come into ye service of my son David after my wife is married.

Further, my Will is to make, constitute and ordain my well beloved wife Mary, with my two younger sons Amos & David to be my Executors of this my last Will



& Testament—and doe hereby utterly revoke, disallow and disannul all former Wills before by me made, or Executors before by me constituted, satisfying & confirming this & no other to be my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I hereunto sett my hand and seal this twentieth day of November, Anno Domini 1744.

JOSEPH PHELPS.

In the presence of

ANDREW ROBE,

JACOB CASE,

AARON PRIEST.

Timothy Phelps, eldest son of Timothy and Mary (Griswold) Phelps, was born at Windsor, Ct., Nov. 1, 1663: married Martha Crow Nov. 4, 1686, removed with his brother Nathaniel, and others, in 1690, to good old Connecticut Hebron, a Hily town, seventeen miles south-east of Hartford, one of the Capitals of the State, named probably after one of the oldest cities of Palestine—Hebron, formerly called Kirjath-arba, and at the present day known as El-Khalil, and about the same distance and nearly in the same direction from their Capital, as the latter was from Israel's capital, Jerusalem—and were the *hardy pioneers* and worthy ancestors of most, if not all of the numerous Phelps' of that mother Yankee town. Timothy Phelps was appointed *Selectman*; and Nathaniel Phelps, his brother, *Town Clerk*, at their first election of Municipal Officers in 1709; as we learn from old records, furnished us by our worthy and excellent friend, the Hon Noah Amherst Phelps of old Simsbury, Ct., to whome we are greatly indebted and under lasting obligations. His children, all born in Hebron, Ct., were as follows—: Martha, born Oct. 29, 1690: Timothy, born June 29, 1692, married Hannah Calkins July 29, 1714, and died Sept. '28, 1768: Noah, born Jan'y 23, 1694: Cornelius, born March 5, 1698, married Margaret Dewey Jan'y 18, 1722, died August 16, 1760: Charles, born July 26, 1702, married Hepsiba Stiles, February 17, 1726, and perhaps others. All the above-mentioned children had large families, (perhaps not as many sons as old Ahab, for he had seventy,) and leave numerous descendants, all of whome will be favorably mentioned and conspicuously noticed in our "Big Book," entitled "History and Genealogy of the Universal Phelps Family," soon to be issued from the Press.

Noah Phelps 1st, the third child of Timothy and Martha (Crow) Phelps, was born at Hebron, Ct., January 23, 1694; married Anne Dyer October 1, 1719: His children, all born in Hebron, Ct., were—: Noah, born Nov. 21, 1720: Barrett, born September 20, 1722: Elijah, born July 31, 1724: Mary, born May 1, 1726: Hannah, born February 28, 1727: Anna, born February 19, 1730: Capt. James, of the Wyoming notoriety, born about 1732, married and had a family, and died at Southwick, Mass., March 10, 1831, aged 99 years: Abijer, born about 1734, married and had a family, died in Southwick, Mass., March 20, 1840, aged 106 years; and perhaps others, as Asa, &c. And as God blessed good old *B'ble* Noah, the ninth in descent from Adam, and his sons, saying unto them, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, so has He also blessed the *Hebron*, pious Noah's, and their sons, and numerous descendants likewise, even to this present period.

Noah Phelps 2nd, eldest son of Noah and Anne (Dyer) Phelps, was born at Hebron, Ct., November 21, 1720; married Mary Tillotson in 1742. Children—Lazarus, born February 17, 1743: Jonah, born Oct.

11, 1744; married Sarah Mack of Hebron, Ct., and had thirteen children: Peleg, born June 22, 1746; died August 6, 1761: Mary, born May 7, 1748; died December 22, 1748: Levi, born November 24, 1749: David, born July 11, 1752; married Ruth Ward of Hartford, Ct., in 1770, and had six children: Noah, born August 1, 1754: Mary, born February 9, 1757: Rebecca, born January 12, 1759: Sarah, born December 11, 1761. Mr. Phelps removed to old Simsbury, Ct., in 1746; thence to Green River, Hillsdale, Columbia County, N. Y., where he died at his son Jonah's house, about 1790, aged about 75 years. She died October 31, 1794, aged 67 years.

Hebron, Ct., is an uneven township of land; it contains at this time 1425 inhabitants, by the recent census. The whole of Marlborough, also a part of Andover and Columbia formerly belonged to Hebron, but are now separate towns. Hebron is 20 miles south-east from Hartford; it is sometimes called "Pump Town." At the news of the victory of the English over the French, when France owned Canada, the inhabitants here having no cannon, bored a hole in a large log; hooped it with iron bands; placed it in front of John Phelps' house, and boomed away. When King George heard of it, he sent two brass cannon to Hebron, but the vessel was wrecked on its passage, and the guns lost. It seems that the old anecdote must be really true in regard to the Phelps' coming to this country, says Roger L. Phelps, which is as follows:—When New England was first settled, the farmers were wanting for farming tools to carry on their work, and in consequence, they chartered a vessel and sent it to the Mother Country for a load of *boes*, *rakes*, &c., but instead of bringing back the desired implements, she came loaded with "Phelps's," as deep as she could swim!

Barrett Phelps, second son of Noah and Anne (Dyer) Phelps, was born at Hebron, Ct., September 20, 1722: married Hannah Bigelow of Colchester, Ct., February 13, 1751. His children were as follows:—Eli, born at Hebron, October 8, 1751; married twice; had by the first wife Pharoee and Polly; and by second wife Russell, who died in Kingston, C. W., and many others: Hannah, born at Hebron, July 14, 1753: Ann, born at Hebron, May 17, 1755, who married Joseph Williams of Hebron, settled in Easton, Washington County, four miles from Barrett's; has two children, Stephen and Nancy; she died in 1824; Stephen has twelve children, all living in Wisconsin: Elisha, born in Hebron Feb'y 20, 1757, who died in infancy: Elisha, born at Hebron, December 18, 1758: married three times; had no children; died in Cambridge, N. Y.: Edith, born in Hebron; married John Selden, and had six children, died in Kingsbury, Warren County, N. Y.: Olive, born in Hebron—married Nicholas Wait, had seven children, four living, she died in Oakland county, Michigan: Lydia, born in Hebron—married Beriah Stiles of Hebron, both died near Albion, Orleans County, N. Y.: Mary, twin to Lydia, born in Hebron—married Cornell Wilkinson, died at Easton, N. Y., in May, 1802: Roxy, born in Hebron—married Belah Dudley, lived on Battle Creek, Barry County, Michigan: Daniel, born at Hebron, March 16, 1761, married in 1790, and died in 1834: Joel, born at Hebron—married—has three sons and one daughter in Vermont, and one son, Joel, in Michigan: David and Noah (twins) born at Belchertown,

Mass., April 4, 1765; the latter married, had nine daughters and two sons, and with his brother Eli, removed to Watertown, Jefferson County, N. Y., in 1801, where they and their families lived, and where he was killed raising a barn, in 1803: Julius, born ———, died unmarried, in the 22nd year of his age, climbing over a fence; in 1797: Roxy, born ———. Barrett Phelps moved first from Hebron, Ct., to Belchertown, Mass., where he resided for several years; thence he removed back to Hebron again; thence, having sold out, he left Hebron for good, in 1777, and removed, in company with a Mr. Austin and a Mr. Gifford, with their families, to Cambridge, Washington County, N. Y., where he lived and cultivated the *soil* and his *soul*, until the day of his death, in Aug. 1789. His wife died there also, in June, 1806. His descendants are very numerous and highly respectable. Of him it might be truthfully said, "When the ear heard me, then it blessed me; and when the eye saw me, it gave witness to me; because I delivered the poor that cried, and the fatherless, and him that had none to help him."

Elijah Phelps, the third son of Noah and Anne (Dyer) Phelps, was born at Hebron, Ct., July 31, 1724: married Jemima Willson, August 1, 1748. Children, Ichabod, born ———; lived at Catskill, N. Y., was taken prisoner by Brant, at the Wyoming massacre, aged 90: Elijah, born about the year 1745—married twice, first, to Lois Millard, and second to Ann Hull, or Mrs. Jennings, had only one daughter, by his last wife, Eliza, who died when but seven years old; was taken prisoner by Brant and Butler, at the Wyoming massacre, in 1778, and brought to the Niagara frontier, to Queenston, (where he grew the first wheat raised in Upper Canada, and where he had twenty slaves,) where also he lived and was engaged in the portage business, and farming quite extensively, until the war of 1812, when his barn being burned by a hot shot of the enemy, he removed to the Short Hills, Township of Pelham, C. W., where he died, March 16, 1843, aged 100, and not 103, as is on his tombstone; and his wife died July 27, 1843, aged 78. Othniel, born ———, married, and had one child; was killed in the battle of Wyoming. [The Author of this Genealogy was named after this *brave* and *good* man.] Joel Phelps, born at Dover, Morris County, N. J., in 1754, and married Hannah Berry, daughter of Henry Berry of same place, in 1786, by whom he had Gilbert, Othniel, Minerva, Martha, Sarah, Joel, (now living in this town,) Daniel, Mary, Aaron, Lewis, Henry and Stephen, (he was shot through the body at Wyoming, and carried on a litter 100 miles to Barret Phelps';) he died aged 95: Noah, born, married Jewlula Yale: moved from Pennsylvania to Ovid, N. Y., where he died in 1813, aged 60: Enon, born at Ermena, Dutchess County, N. Y., November 18, 1766; married Mehitable Goldsmith; lived at Homer, Courtland County, N. Y., where he died February 7, 1855, aged 90: Jemima, born ———, married a Mr. Wortman, of N. Y.: Polly, born ———: Mehitable, born January 2, 1773; died in April, 1857. Elijah Phelps, (all of whose sons were strong, hardy, stout and athletic men,) moved from Hebron, Ct., first to a place called "Nine Partners," Dutchess, County, N. Y.; next to Wyoming Valley, Penn., where he lived many years; thence back to "Nine Partners," where he died in a good old age. He, with some eighteen or twenty other Pheips', was a very



great sufferer at the Wyoming massacre ! The descendants of this man are quite numerous and respectable at the present period ; one of his grandsons, Joel Phelps, Esq., now resides in St. Catharines, C. W., and another grandson, Noah, lives in Dexter, Michigan, &c.

Noah Phelps 3rd, the seventh child of Noah and Mary (Tillotson) Phelps, was born in old Simsbury, (now Granby,) Ct., August 1, 1754; married Sarah; (eldest daughter of Ephraim and Sarah) Adams, of old Simsbury, Ct., Jan'y 12, 1775: Children, all born in Simsbury, Ct., but youngest, were as follows—Sarah, born Oct. 2, 1775, who married Asa Harvey: Noah, born Feb'y 19, 1778, who married in 1798, Anna St John, of Stockbridge, Mass.: Oliver, born December 12, 1779: Louvis and Levi, (twins.) born March 10, 1782, who died November 8, 1782 the former married 1st, David Caldwell, and 2nd, a Mr. Rankin: Lydia born August 20, 1784, who married David Lord: Warren, born March 24, 1787; who married first, Clarissa Judd; secondly, Rhoda Higgins, and thirdly, Eliza Higgins: Daniel, born July 27, 1791; who married Polly Fairchilds, August 25, 1813: Anna, born January 20, 1794; who married Charles Brown in 1810. All the above children had large families. Noah Phelps removed to Green River, (now Austerlitz,) Columbia County, N. Y., about 1790, where he died, June 10, 1795, aged 40 years, 10 months and 9 days.

*A Certified Copy of an old Deed of Noah Phelps 2nd, to his Son,  
Noah Phelps 3rd.*

Know all men by these presents, that I, Noah Phelps of Simsbury, in the county of Hartford, and State of Connecticut, for and in consideration of twenty three pounds lawful money, to me in hand paid, by Noah Phelps Junior, of the same place, before the en sealing or delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, and are fully satisfied, contented, and paid, have given, granted, bargained and sold, aliened, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do freely, clearly and absolutely give, grant, bargain and sell, alien, release, convey and confirm unto him the said Noah Phelps, Jun., his heirs and assigns forever, a certain tract of land lying in Simsbury, the west side of Simsbury road, and bounded, viz: east, on lands of the said Noah Phelps by a walnut bush and stones, joining the road that lead from Simsbury to Granville, running north forty rods, joining on land of Joshua Austin, originally granted to Daniel Stiles: then running westwardly about sixty rods to a stake and stones; then runs southerly, crossing Granville road, seventy rods, and joining southerly on lands belonging to Abijah Phelps: containing twenty acres, be the same more or less. Also two acres of wood land, bounded as follows:—westerly, on lands belonging to Levi Phelps; then running southerly, sixteen rods, and joining on the said Noah Phelps' land: then running northerly to the first mentioned bounds. To have and to hold the before bargained, granted premises, with the appertinances, privileges therunto belonging, to him the said Noah Phelps, Jun., his heirs and assigns, to his and their own proper benefit, use and behoof forevermore. And I, the said Noah Phelps, do for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, covenant, promise and grant unto, and with the said Noah Phelps, Jun., his heirs and assigns forever, that before the en sealing hereof, I am the true, sole, proper owner and possessor of the before granted premises with the appertinances, and have in myself good right, full power, and lawful authority to give, grant, bargain, alien, release, convey and confirm the same as aforesaid; and that free and clear, and freely and clearly executed, acquitted and discharged of, and from, all other former gifts, grants, bargains, sales, leases, mortgages, wills, entails, jointures, dowries, thirds, executions and incumbrances whatsoever; And furthermore, I, the said Noah Phelps, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators do hereby covenant, promise and engage the before granted premises with the appertinances, unto him the said Noah Phelps, Jun., his heirs and assigns for ever, to warrant,

cure and defend against the lawful claims or demands of any person or persons atsoever.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 28th day of April, Anno Domini, 1779.

signed, sealed and delivered in presence of }

ASAHEL HOLCOMB,  
SAMUEL SHELDON.

NOAH PHELPS.

artford County, } April 28th, Anno Domini, 1779, then personally ap-  
e of Connecticut, } peared Noah Phelps, signer to the foregoing instrument,  
to wit : } and acknowledged it to be his act and deed, before me,  
ASAHEL HOLCOMB, Justice of the Peace.

ad July 8, 1782, and recorded by John Owen, Register.

Town Clerk's Office, } The above is a true copy of record from  
Simsbury, Ct., October 24, 1859. } this office, taken from Book 13, page 439, of  
Simsbury Records.

(Test.)

DUDLEY B. McLEAN, Town Clerk.

All these Noah Phelps', like most of the rest of our excellent ancestors, were "*tillers of the soil*," and "*cultivators of the soul*;" hardy, active, energetic, strong, hale, stout, and athletic men, ornaments in society pillars in the church, and a blessing to the various communities in which they severally dwelt.

Oliver Phelps, the third child of Noah 3rd, and Sarah (Adams) Phelps, (of the 7th generation from Mr. William Phelps of Porlock, England,) was born in old Simsbury, Ct. December 12, 1779; married Abigail (daughter of Lieut. Samuel and Lois) St. John, born at old Stockbridge, Mass., November 16, 1783, (our aged, still living, and blessed mother; whose whole history may be read in Solomon's Proverbs, 31st chapter, from the 10th to the 31st verses, inclusive,)—at Green River, (Austerlitz,) Columbia County, N. Y., January 16, 1800. His seventeen children are as follows:—Amelia, born at Green River, N. Y., August 6, 1800; died the same day; Cornelia, born at Cazenovia, N. Y., July 25, 1801; died the same day; Cynthia, born at Cazenovia, N. Y., July 7, 1802: who married first Lewis Tooker, Esq., at Ludlowville, N. Y., November 7, by whom she had William, Henry, and Caroline: Mr. Tooker died January 3, 1823; and she married secondly, Dea. Lucius Winchester, November 23, 1833, who died September 13, 1849: Catherine, born at Cazenovia, N. Y., December 10, 1803; died the next day: William, born at Fabius, N. Y., November 28, 1804; died the same day: Orson, born at Fabius, N. Y., December 17, 1805; married first, Hannah Gunn, of Dunnville, C. W., in March, 1832, and had one child; both mother and child died; he married secondly, Calista Maria Fisk, of Buffalo, N. Y., October 6, 1846, by whom he had Orson, Maria Louisa, and Calvin: Almira, born at Fabius, N. Y., January 8, 1808, married Alpha Herbert Shaw, at Centreville, C. W., October 22, 1827, and had William Henry: Orrin Stone, born at Fabius, N. Y., July 3, 1809, died July 21, 1809: Charlotte, born at Fabius, N. Y., June 20, 1810; married Alpheus Spencer St. John, at Centreville, C. W., September 30, 1830, and has Almira, Charlotte, Helen, Anna, Ambrose Spencer, Oliver Spencer, Oliver Phelps, Alpheus Seymour, and Orrin Stone: Orrin Stone, born at Ludlowville, N. Y., May 28, 1812; married Almeda Louisa (eldest daughter of Luther and Aurora) Dyer, at St. Catharines, C. W., November 27, 1832, and had Maria Louisa, Harriet Peters, and Lewis Tooker: Lucinda, born at Ludlow-

ville, N. Y., April 25, 1814; married William Coach Yale, at St. Catharines, September 5, 1833, and had William Henry, and Lucie Oliver Seymour, born at Ludlowville, N. Y., January 12, 1816; married first, Hester Ann (second daughter of Arnold and Elizabeth) Dexter at Lockport, N. Y., May 16, 1838; she died at Lewiston, N. Y., January 26, 1849. [Of her, the Rev. John W. Baynes, A. M., who preached funeral sermon at St. Catharines, C. W., January 29, 1849, said—"Were there any region on the face of this terraqueous globe, where atmosphere breathed immortality, and whose waters possessed the properties of preserving health and life unimpaired, it would soon be found too strait a place to hold the fugitives from the lands that are overspread with the shadow of death! Were the splendor of talents, and the glory of extraordinary achievements, any shield against the unerring shafts of the King of Terrors, then Alexander and Napoleon, Isaiah and Paul, Milton and Handel, had not died. If riches could bribe the ghastly monarch, then Solomon and Cræsus might have escaped from passing through the valley of the shadow of death. If *mildness of disposition* and *amiability of character* could furnish a plea of exemption, then that beloved form, whose face we shall see no more on earth, would still have been moving about amongst a circle of endeared connexions, as heretofore; instead of which, her lifeless body now waits the welcome reception of the tomb.] He married, secondly, Eliza Rebecca (youngest daughter of Job Mount, and Lucina,) Layton, at Lockport, N. Y., July 31, 1850, by whom he has Frank, born Dec. 1, 1860, to whom this Genealogy is dedicated: Calvin, born at Ludlowville, N. Y., March 1, 1818; Married Julia Sophia (eldest daughter of Col. Cephas and Anna Maria) Beach, at Cambria, Niagara County, N. Y., September 22, 1841, and had Calvin Beach, and an infant: Mary Ann, born at Ludlowville, N. Y., May 24, 1820; married William (youngest son of Gideon and Electa) Morehouse, at St. Catharines, C. W., May 10, 1847, and had Nellie Phelps, born at Davenport, Iowa, December 24, 1856: Samuel, born at Ludlowville, N. Y., October 20, 1822, died same day: Maria Louisa, born at Ludlowville, N. Y., May 3, 1825, died at St. Catharines, C. W., February 1, 1832: Elijah Hollister, born at Centreville, C. W., April 3, 1827, died at Buffalo, N. Y., July 9, 1846. (Mrs. Abigail (St. John) Phelps still lives at the old homestead, in St. Catharines, C. W.) Oliver Phelps moved with his father's family, from old Simsbury, Ct., to Green River, Columbia County, N. Y., in 1790: thence to Cazenovia, Onondaga County, in 1801; then to Fabius, in same county, in 1804; thence to Ludlowville, Tompkins County, N. Y., in 1811: and lastly to St. Catharines, Canada West, in the fall of 1825: He died at the residence of his son, Oliver S. Phelps, Esq., at Cayuga, Grand River, C. W., May 4, 1851. Of him, the Rev. Joshua Cooke, who pronounced his funeral sermon in the First Presbyterian Church, at St. Catharines, C. W., May 7, 1851, before a large and respectable congregation, among other things, said—"Forests had gone down in the far West, before that wondrous energy: canals had been channelled through rocks and hills: villages had been started, and temples of the living God had been reared, *by the force of that single will*: and now his work done, his will slackened, the bow of life unbent, he stands in that scene of his childhood, in a New-England churchyard, and goes over his race again.



s him, in sadness away; he looks again towards his far-away and seeks it, once more, to lay him down and die. But there is a spot, still, dearer to him than that birth-place of his body: it is the birth-place of his soul. Had some passer-by happened there, he might have seen, on a mountain in the neighborhood of his father's place, that aged form bent in prayer, tears streaming from the eyes, his tones quivering not less from emotion than from age. He might have seen him then rise from his devotion, and enter a note in his memorandum book. That prayer is registered with Him who hears in secret. That note stands, in his little book, as follows—'Here, on the top of the mountain, near my father's place, on the 19th of August, 1799, on this same spot where I now stand, did God open my eyes to behold the glory of the Lamb. Fifty-one years, last August, here I bowed in prayer and praise to God, for plucking me as a brand from the burning. And here, again, on this 23rd of April, 1851, have I bowed the knee in prayer and praise that *His* love and grace are still the same!' Fifty-one years! Aye, from the seed sown in the heart of that young man, on the lone mountain-top, had sprung up fruit to the honor of God, and the good of men: \* \* And, my friends, while this town (St. Catharines) stands to adorn one of the loveliest regions from God's hand, it shall speak of that *hardy frame*, that *iron will*, that almost unequalled energy which urged it upward. While this temple of God remaineth, each song of praise shall be a remembrance of Him who erected it for his Maker's honor, and therein set it, a monument to his own memory. Whilst they who have been here born unto God, and by His grace, may yet be, shall pronounce *him blessed*, who opened the fountain whence flowed the stream to gladden the city of our God. He has gone! His virtues as a Christian, we firmly believe, bloom fresh in heaven; his frailties as a man, have perished forever!"

In the St. Catharines Cemetery, (of 19½ acres) (lovely spot) a part of James Emmett's farm, in the township of Grantham, C. W., two miles east of the town, which was bought in 1855 by this Municipality, and has been since beautified at a considerable expense, (John Nash, Superintendent), in an iron enclosure of crescent shape, is a family plot, bought, built and beautified by filial affection, at an outlay of some \$2000, lie interred our dear, departed and loved ones, on whose tombs are the following tombstone inscriptions of Grandmother, Father, Brothers, Sisters; Husbands, Wives, Children, Nephews, Neices, Relatives, &c. And in this modern Machpelah may be seen and read the following family facts by every relative or Pilgrim hither.

1st, "Lois St. John, wife of Samuel St. John, and mother of Abigail Phelps, b. at Kent, C't, May 10, 1756; d. at St. Catharines, C. W., May 30, 1849, aged 93 years and 20 days."

2nd, "Our Father! Dea. Oliver Phelps, b. at Simsbury, C't, Dec. 12, 1779; d. at Cayuga, C. W., May 4, 1851, aged 71 years, 4 months and 22 days."

3rd, "In memory of Alpha H. Shaw, b. at Unity, N. H., Sept'r 9, 1792; d. at Milan, Ohio, Oct. 27, 1848, aged 56 years, 1 mo. and 18 days."

4th, Almira Shaw, b. at Fabius, N. Y., Jan'y 8, 1808; d. at St. Catharines, C. W., Oct. 15, 1829."

5th, "William Henry, son of Alpha H. and Almira Shaw, b. at Ludlowville, N. Y., April 18, 1829; d. Jan'y 25, 1832, aged 2 years, 9 months and 7 days."

6th, "Elijah Hollister, youngest son of Oliver and Abigail Phelps, born at Grantham, C. W., April 3, 1827; died at Buffalo, N. Y., July 9, 1846, aged 19 years, 3 months, and 6 days".

7th, "Maria Louisa, daughter of Oliver and Abigail Phelps, born at Ludlowville,

N. Y., May 3, 1825; died at St. Catharines, C. W., Feb. 1, 1832, aged 6 months, and 27 days".

8th, "Lucinda, wife of Wm. C. Yale, and daughter of Oliver and Abigail born at Ludlowville, N. Y., April 25, 1814; died at St. Catharines, C. W. 8, 1837; aged 22 years, 10 months, and 13 days".

9th, "Wm. H., eldest son of Wm. C. and Lucinda Yale, born at St. Catharines, C. W., June 18, 1834; d. Dec. 31, 1836, aged 2 y., 6 m., and 13 days".

10th, "Lucius, youngest son of Wm. C. and Lucinda Yale, born at St. Catharines, C. W., Dec. 12, 1836; died March 2, 1837, aged 2 m. and 27 days."

11th, "In memory of Orrin Stone Phelps, born at Ludlowville, N. Y., 1812, died at St. Catharines, C. W., March 15, 1837, in the 25th year of his age."

"It matters little at what hour o' the day

The righteous fall asleep; death cannot come

To one untimely, who is fit to die;

The less of this cold world, the more of heaven;

The briefer life, the earlier immortality."

12th, "In memory of Maria Louisa, daughter of Orrin S. and Almeda L. Phelps, born at St. Catharines, C. W., Sept. 15, 1833, died May 8, 1839, in the 6th year of her age."

13th, "In memory of Lewis Tooker, son of Orrin S. and Almeda L. Phelps, born at St. Catharines, C. W., December, 1836; died April 3, 1839, in the 3rd year of his age."

14th, One broken shaft, on the north side of which is inscribed,—“Orrin S., died January 13, 1852, aged 7 months and 4 days”; on the east side,—“Oliver S., died July 15, 1844, aged 9 months and 15 days” on the south side,—“Ambrose S., died Oct. 17, 1842, aged 4 months and seven days” on the west side,—“Helen, d. Aug. 12, 1837”—“children of A. S. and C. St. John.”

15th, One shaft, on the south side is inscribed.—“Gone home”—“Hester Ann, wife of Oliver S. Phelps, and daughter of Arnold and Elizabeth Dexter, born at Manlius, N. Y., February 28, 1816; died at Lewiston, N. Y., January 26, 1849, aged 32 years, 10 months and 28 days.” On the West side, a recumbent lamb on which is this Latin inscription—“Resurgam.” On the east side—

“Blest Ann! fond Wife, Daughter,

Sister, Friend! Rest here, Loved

One, until the Resurrection

Morn, when Jesus shall say,

“Sister Spirit, come away!”

On the north side—“Seymour! Meet me in Heaven!”

16th, “Lucius Winchester, died Sept. 13, 1849, aged 56 y. Gone Home.”

17th, Horatio Willis Winchester, second son of Deacon Lucius Winchester, born October 12, 1821; died October 4, 1859; struck down suddenly, in the vigor of manhood, by falling brick from Chrysler’s block; left a wife, Jenet, and three fatherless children, namely—Lucius Willis, Emma Cordelia, and Flora Lucinda; two brothers—Lucius D., and Elliott B. Winchester.

18th, Cephas Beach, born at Hartland, Ct., June 24, 1784; died at Lewiston, N. Y., July 23, 1847, aged 63 years and 29 days.

19th, Ann Maria, wife of Cephas Beach, born at Bethlehem, Ct., Feb. 4, 1794; d. at Lockport, N. Y., Jan. 8, 1854, aged 59 years, 11 months and 4 days.

20th, Daniel Hill, eldest son of Cephas and Ann Maria Beach, born at Geneseo, N. Y., January 30, 1825; died at Nottawa, Mich., Jan’y 15, 1849, aged 23 years, 11 months and 17 days.

21st, Rollin Elbridge, second son of Cephas and Ann Maria Beach, born at Geneseo, N. Y., October 12, 1826; died at St. Catharines, C. W., July 20, 1850, aged 23 years, 9 months and 8 days.”

22nd, Cephas Henry, youngest son of Cephas and Ann Maria Beach, born at Geneseo, N. Y., Oct. 6, 1831; died at Lewiston, N. Y., January 5, 1843, aged 16 years, 2 months, and 3 days.”

23rd, “Died, July 13, 1843, Calvin Beach, infant son of Calvin and Julia Sophia Phelps, aged 2 days.” “Not lost, but gone to Heaven.”



ITHACA, N. Y., 24th, September, 1819.

MR. THOMAS LUDLOW, Ludlowville, N. Y.

DEAR Sir,—With satisfaction I have spent a few of my leisure moments in addressing some of my friends—Often have we cause to look back on the Providences of God towards us in the various situations in which we have been placed: but more frequently are our minds expanding the field which is before us. We are anxious to do what we can to place ourselves and our families in comfortable and happy circumstances: and this is right; for “he that provideth not for his own household hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.” When I look back and see what a liberal distribution you have made amongst some of the oldest of your family, I think they have great cause to be grateful to a Parent, who has, with great care and prudence for years, labored in body and mind to lay up something to distribute amongst them for their comfort and happiness here. Certainly you have made them a liberal and rich bequeath, and I hope they will consider it so. But when I reflect on the little bequeath you have made to the Lord for yourself and family, (I call it little when compared with the above, but great as it respects society,) I am almost astonished to see how the Lord hath magnified and blessed, and caused it to be, in a sense, productive of more durable riches than any earthly enjoyment; and scarcely was the seed sown, before it sprang up and brought forth. It is not many days since our “bread was cast upon the waters,” and behold how the Lord hath blessed us—but “not unto us, not unto us, but unto the name of the Lord, be all the glory.” When I look back on our situation in 1817, when a cloud hung over us; when the hearts and hands of God’s people were faint and feeble, and scarce a ray of hope remained, I am astonished to see what the Lord hath done for us, unworthy creatures. He hath put it into the hearts of many to contribute liberally for the support of the Gospel, and blessed that liberality with the outpouring of His holy spirit. It hath pleased God in all ages of the world to bring sinners to repentance through the use of means; and it hath pleased him to bless us, even us, although we have sinned and come short of what he requires of us.

Dear sir, are you not convinced that the Lord hath come nigh unto you: hath He not, as you have reason to believe, brought salvation into your family, and even into your house? but could you enter the closet, or know the daily supplications that ascend to heaven from the bosoms of many of your beloved offspring, you should be constrained to cry out, “Glory to God in the highest!” Your constant attendance on the worship of God on His holy Sabbath, and often at other seasons appointed for that purpose, leads me to use that freedom that I otherwise should not do. I am ready to believe that you are sometimes almost ready to cast yourself at the foot-stool of Sovereign mercy, if you have not already done it. I believe you are convinced of the truth of God’s holy Word—of the necessity of a change of heart, and the final judgment; if so, what is wanting but a willing surrender of all that you have, and are, into the hands of Him who possesses all things, and will bring all things unto subjection to his own will.

My anxious desire and prayer to God is, that you might be saved, and be brought to acknowledge the Christian religion, and follow on to know the Lord, and to keep his holy Word: for great peace have they that keep his Word.

Our time is short. The current which is carrying us along, is quickening its pace. Soon will our bodies moulder in dust, and our spirits return to God who gave them. Pardon an unworthy fellow mortal, if in the tenderness of mind and frailty of body I have exceeded the bounds of Christian benevolence; and accept this as a token of friendship from your most unworthy friend and fellow traveller to eternity. May God bless you, with your companion and family.

OLIVER PHELPS.

David Phelps, one of the twin sons (Noah, the other,) of Barrett and Hannah (Bigelow) Phelps, was born at Belchertown, Mass., April 4, 1765: married first, Mary Sperry (born at Suffield, Ct., February 24, 1768,) at Cambridge, Washington county, N. Y., by Rev. Mr. Tanner, October 11, 1791. He removed from Cambridge, N. Y., sixty-five miles south-west to Charleston, Montgomery county, N. Y., in February, 1793;

thence to Grand River Swamp, township of Brantford, C. W., in Sept., 1800; and lastly, to Boston, in the township of Townsend, C. W., in the beginning of 1823. Children by his first wife—Martha, born at Cambridge, N. Y., March 26, 1792; who married John Trowbrige in January, 1818, and has children: Othniel, born in Charleston, N. Y., April, 7, 1794: Anna, born in Charleston, N. Y., March 17, 1796; married, lived in St. Claire county, Mich., and has a family; she died Nov. 14, 1814: Elijah, born at Charleston, N. Y., May 14, 1798: David, born in the township of Brantford, C. W., February 17, 1800; died February 4, 1803: Beriah, born in township of Brantford, C. W., Oct. 11, 1801: Elisha, born in township of Brantford, C. W., July 18, 1803: Lydia, born in township of Brantford, C. W., February 8, 1805, who married Philip Miller; had a family of seven children; died near Batavia, N. Y., in 1843: Mary, born in township of Brantford, C. W., Dec. 11, 1806; married Elder Cyrus Churchill; died in Almont, Lapeer county, Mich., in October, 1857; had fourteen children, seven now living: David, Junr., born in the township of Brantford, C. W., March 18, 1809: Mrs. Mary (Sperry) Phelps, died in the township of Brantford, C. W., August 24, 1821, aged 52 years and 8 months. David Phelps married for his second wife, widow Hannah Olmsted, of Townsend, C. W., December 24, 1822, by whom he had Ursula and Anna, (twins,) born in Townsend, C. W., August 11, 1823; the former of whom married Henry J. Barber, and the latter married David Bloodsworth: Champion Jonas, born at Boston, township of Townsend, C. W., June 10, 1825: George Washington, born at Boston, C. W., January 12, 1827: Roxy Lany, born in Boston, C. W., in September, 1830; died in 1832: Matthias M., born in Boston, C. W., May 29, 1832. David Phelps, the husband, father and friend, died by a kick of a vicious horse, in the harvest field, at Boston, C. W., August 2, 1834, aged 68 years 3 months and 28 days; beloved, esteemed and regretted by all. "I heard a voice from heaven saying, write, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Othniel Phelps, eldest son of David and Mary (Sperry) Phelps, was born in Charleston, Montgomery county, N. Y., April 7, 1794: married Sally (daughter of William and Betsey) Weaver, at Bayham, C. W., May 1, 1826. He came with his parents from New York state to Grand River, in 1800. Thence to Bayham, April 20, 1821, and now resides near Aylmer, C. W., (whose zeal, interest and benevolence, in getting up this Genealogy for his children's children is highly commendable.) His children are as follows:—William, born March 12, 1826: Polly, born October 17, 1829: Betsey Ann, born May 29, 1835: John, born March 11, 1844.

William Phelps, eldest son of Othniel and Sally (Weaver) Phelps, was born March 12, 1826: married Ann Mitchell, of Scotland, C. W., September 7, 1852. Children—Martha, born June 10, 1853: Margaret, born February 21, 1855: James, born Dec. 6, 1857: Hester, born March 27, 1861.

Polly Phelps, eldest daughter of Othniel and Sally (Weaver) Phelps, was born October 17, 1829: married James Harney, of Malahide, C. W., October 8, 1850. Children—Andrew Willson, born November 11, 1851; Matthew Fletcher, born August 15, 1853: John Wesley, born

March 31, 1855. Louis Napoleon, born December 3, 1856: Phebe E., born December, 1858.

Betsey Ann Phelps, second daughter of Othniel and Sally (Weaver) Phelps, was born May 29, 1835: married Lawrence Harmann, formerly of Nova Scotia, November 4, 1853. Children—Diantha, born November 10, 1854: John, born October 11, 1856.

Elijah Phelps, son of David and Mary (Sperry) Phelps, was born at Charleston, N. Y., May 14, 1798; came to Brantford, C. W., in 1800, and to Bayham, C. W., in 1825: he married Asenath Vanvelzer, March 24, 1822, by whom he had, David, born December 20, 1823, who married Betsey Pach, of England, and had Elijah, and Walter J.: Elijah, born May 23, 1825, who married Sarah Statts, and had Lafayette; he died Oct. 19, 1854: Susan, born December 24, 1826; married William Pound, in March, 1849, and had Napoleon, Louis, Sally Ann, Adelia, Amelia, Prudence J.: Daniel, born August 18, 1829; married Emily Jessie Pound, June 26, 1856, and had Louis Lafayette and Lydia: Sally Ann, born January 10, 1832; married John D. Pound, February 27, 1851, who died in June, 1854: James B. born November 5, 1834: Lydia M., born September 19, 1837; married Whitfield Baker: had Julius Hosea, born November 9, 1859; she died in child-bed, November 9, 1859: Ursula, born December 5, 1840: Elizabeth Jane, born July 11, 1844.

Beriah Phelps, son of David and Mary (Sperry) Phelps, was born in the township of Brantford, C. W., October 11, 1801: married Lydia Robinson, (age 20,) in March, 1834. Children—Mary, born April 10, 1835, who married John Black, and has one child, Lydia Black: second child, born May 2, 1837, who died May 11, 1859: Ann, born November 6, 1839: Sally, born March 25, 1842: Daniel, born February 17, 1844, who died August 15, 1845: Lydia, born March 22, 1846: Othniel, born April 21, 1848: Hannah, born March 23, 1850: Calvin, born September 3, 1852, who died November 14, 1852: Norman, born Oct. 7, 1853; died November 19, 1853: Samuel, born June 11, 1855: Martha Elizabeth, born March 4, 1859, died March 15, 1859.

Elisha Phelps, son of David and Mary (Sperry) Phelps, was born in the township of Brantford, C. W., July 18, 1803: married in Ancaster, Elizabeth (daughter of John) Vanderlip, of St. Catharines, February 9, 1825. Children—John, born December 13, 1826, who married Catherine Hawley, of Brantford, and has one son and one daughter: Mary, born May 8, 1829, who married Charles Trowbridge, and died January 25, 1849, aged 19 years and 17 days.

David Phelps, son of David and Mary (Sperry,) was born in Brant, March 18, 1809: married Elizabeth Olmsted, (born in Townsend, June 15, 1814,) by Rev. Simon Maybee, at Townsend, May 21, 1834. Children—Mary, born October 7, 1835: died March 25, 1843: Martha, born October 1, 1837; died May 6, 1832: Alexander, born May 16, 1840: Hannah, born October 31, 1842: Sylvester, born September 13, 1847: Elizabeth Jane, born June 30, 1852: Simon Wait, born June 13, 1855.

Champion J. Phelps, (son of David and Hannah Olmsted, second wife,) was born in Grand River Swamp, C. W., June 10, 1825: married first, Phebe Ann Norton, born November 6, 1825, who died August 19, 1857. Children—David Wesley, born November 29, 1852, who died January



7, 1852: Arthur Lee, born December 25, 1853; aged 6 years: Solon Clark, born — 23, 1855, who died September 10, 1855: Lyman N. and Lydia (twins) born May 29, 1856: the latter died in August, 1856, and the former died September 1, 1856: Sarah C. and Phebe Ann (twins,) born August 19, —; died August 16, 1857, only 30 minutes in their deaths. He married second, Lucinda A. White, May 9, 1858. Their only child, Clara L., born February 20, 1859.

Daniel Phelps, son of Barrett and Hannah (Bigelow) Phelps, was born at Hebron, Ct., March 16, 1761: married Dinah Hillman in 1790; died February 18, 1834, aged 71 years. His wife died May 5, 1846, aged 86. They had six children: John died, aged about two years: Lurany, born October 27, 1793; married James Dunham, April 10, 1825, who died March 7, 1835, leaving a son and daughter, both married, and now living in Chicago, Illinois: Beulah, born December 29, 1795, who married Joshua Downs, October 18, 1823, died November 18, 1859, having three sons and two daughters, all living in Onondaga county, N. Y.: Daniel, born August 23, 1797, who married Eliza Anthony, September 20, 1821, having had twelve children: Julius, born November 1, 1800, who married Adah Closson, September 12, 1826, and had four children, viz: Cornelius, born April 23, 1828, who died August 28, 1829: Thurzey M. born June 8, 1830, who married Innman Thomas, April 7, 1852, and has three sons and one daughter, and lives at Cambridge Centre, Washington county, N. Y.: Lewis H., born March 5, 1832, who married Thankful Birch, November 9, 1856: William H. born May 22, 1842: Adah Closson died July 20, 1856: and Julius Phelps married second, Lucy L. Lewis, August 23, 1859, and now resides on a farm, where he has for the past 26 years, two miles from the old *home farm* of his grandfather, Barrett Phelps: Parmelia, born Nov 24, 1801, who married Isaac Anthony, September 1, 1819, and has eight children. He died November 16, 1858.

Daniel Phelps, son of Daniel and Dinah (Hillman) Phelps, was born August 23, 1797: married Eliza Anthony, September 20, 1821. Children—Melissa, born July 18, 1821: Darius, born September 9, 1822, died July 8, 1849; Mary, born November 28, 1823: Erastus, born August 8, 1825, died April 8, 1827: Artemissa, born March 8, 1827, died November 8, 1828: Allsina, born March 2, 1829: Henry, born March 27, 1831: Znied B., born May 12, 1833: Lurany, born July 8, 1835, died November 9, 1843: Daniel and Dinah, (twins,) born May 14, 1837: Elizabeth, born July 19, 1840.

Enon Phelps, son of Elijah and Jemimah (Willson) Phelps, was born at Armena, Dutchess county, N. Y., November 18, 1766: removed in an early day, to Homer, Courtland county, N. Y., where he died Feb'y 7, 1855, aged 89 years and 3 months: married Mehitable Goldsmith, who died April 12, 1854, aged 31 years and 3 months. Children—William W., born at Andover, N. J., February 7, 1792, is now a Judge amongst the Mormons in Utah: Benjamin C., born at Andover, July 31, 1794: Elijah, born at Andover, November 17, 1796: Ruhannah, born at Andover, March 25, 1799, and died March 29, 1838, aged 29: Anna, born at Homer, N. Y., September 16, 1801: Orrin, born at Homer, September 8, 1803: Mary, born at Homer, March 11, 1806: Ruth, born at Homer, July 12, 1808: Enon W., born at Homer, June



8, 1811: Joshua R. G., born at Homer, August 30, 1813, died October 29, aged 32 years. Jonathan H., born at Homer, August 23, 1816: Eliza, born at Homer, October 1, 1820.

Elijah, son of Enon and Mehitabel Goldsmith, was born at Andover, New Jersey, November 17, 1796: married Clarissa Phelps, (born May 10, 1797,) February 28, 1819. Children—Laura Ann, born December 6, 1819, died February 14, 1856, aged 35 years and 3 months: Nelson D., born August 30, 1821: Elijah L., born April 23, 1823: Truman, born August 7, 1825, died December 1, 1828, aged three years and 4 months: Dewitt Clinton, born September 19, 1828: Enon W., born October 19, 1830: William F., born September 9, 1832, died May 3, 1850, aged 16 years and 9 months: Minard B., born June 28, 1835: Othniel D., born May 17, 1838. This Mr. Elijah Phelps' Post-Office address is, Eden, Elgin county, C. W., where he now resides.

Thus *these* are but some, and a few of the many of "our Fore-Fathers and Fore-Mothers," fore-mentioned: in Old England, our Fore-Father's Land: in New England, our Father's birth-place; and elsewhere: whose once "*holy teachings*" now descend on us, as softly, silently, and as sweetly, as did the "dew of Hermon" upon the ancient Galileans—whose "*Memories*" are now as fragrant to us, as was Mary's alabaster box of ointment, poured on the feet of Jesus, to the by-standers in the Pharisee's house; and whose "*Genealogies*" here recorded to be remembered, are as precious to us, as are those of Adam's, found in 1st Chronicles, 1st chapter; or, as are our Blessed Master's, in 3d chapter of Luke, from the 23rd to the 38th verses inclusive, to every *Bible reader*, and to every *Christian heart*!

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Boston, Mass., 14th December, 1859.

OLIVER S. PHELPS, Esq., St. Catharines, C. W.

Dear Sir,—I have your favor of the 9th, requesting information on the subject of the "Phelps Family." I regret that it is not in my power to answer any of the questions propounded in your letter. I think it likely that you might obtain light on some of them, by application to Hon. James Savage, of this city.

Respectfully, yours,

EDWARD EVERETT.

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LUNENBURG, Mass., 11th July, 1860.

OLIVER S. PHELPS, Esquire, St. Catharines, C. W.

Sir,—To answer your favor of last Wednesday, by sending a copy of my Genealogical History, or Dictionary containing the Phelps family, is not in my power, for it will not be printed under a year and a half. I got through the press, last May, the two first volumes of my great work, on which I have already bestowed sixteen years labor; but though the contents are over eleven hundred very compact pages, they include only letters A. to J., inclusive, for the surnames. On the third volume I am now engaged, having marched into the middle of letter M., but certainly can hardly reach the surname of Phelps before next Spring. Yet for your satisfaction may I add, that comparing my "gatherings" with what you send me in print of your own progenitory William, the first comer, and his fifth son Timothy, I agree in every point, except that I use the new style, where you follow the contemporary record for birth of Timothy's sons, William, Samuel and Nathaniel, whose dates, by the Gregorian style, would be nominally a year later than yours for the years; days and months, however, being the same. But I have all the other sons of first William, with their marriages and progeny, my work in its scope allowing nothing later than the births of grand children of a first comer.

Your views are large enough, if I rightly read your note, to take in all other Phelps names, besides William, as for instance certainly, George, the presumed brother of William, to whom I give one more son than to William, and allow all to marry and procreate; but William's descendants fill a little more room in my pages than George's, because William, Samuel, Nathaniel, and perhaps Joseph were born in England, so that I call each a first comer; and thus William has great-grandsons named by me, while George can show only grand sons; meaning, however grand children, female as much as male.

Still longer, sir, must be my research, for my desire is to show every man in New England before May, 1692, with his children and grand children; and sometimes there will occur twenty and even thirty stocks, with no ascertained relationship. Smiths, Halls, and other such common patronymics, are examples. But you may hear of the Phelps family name in other towns than Dorchester, where first it pitched a tent, and from which it has been absent above two hundred and twenty years, as Edward at Newbury, thence to Andover, though not so early as your progenitor; Henry, at Salem, as early as 1634, with John, and Nicholas, perhaps brothers, but more probably sons: Samuel at Boston, but only twenty years before the close of the seventeenth century, and a William of near about the same time, at least before 1692, having sons John and William. Most of your names, however, are derived from George and William, the Dorchester Christians that were with Warham, their spiritual leader to foundation of Windsor, in the copious history of which town, published last December, the deductions from William seem to be drawn out very minutely; and very striking is it, that nothing of the off-shoots of George is told. My gathering of the descendants of George, who went up the river early, is almost as good as Dr. Stiles for William's, at least as far as the third generation, while down to the ninth or tenth I believe there is no failure.

Probably you will not wait for the publication of my work, and indeed it can be of no great benefit to you if you do wait; but any direct manner of obtaining the volumes must be only through the great publishing house of Little, Brown & Co., of Boston, as my residence here in the hill country allows me no control of their operations, and they would do much better without my assistance than with. Had I time, I would cheerfully copy whatever you might desire, but the whole of my hours from morn to evening is given to this service. In two days I enter my seventy-seventh year, and am therefore bound to severe economy in the use of the few days that shall be entrusted to me; and hardly should I rejoice at the progress already made in my Dictionary, if the thought of interruption in its completion, and of leaving my labor to be perfected by another, should force itself on my mind.

With best wishes for your success, I remain, sir, your very obedient,

JAS. SAVAGE.

P. S.—I return to Boston the end of October, and remain there to near the end of May.

J. S.

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NEW HAVEN, Connecticut, U. S. Am., February 4, 1860.

TO OLIVER PHELPS, Esq.

Dear Sir,—I should be happy to impart to you the information you desire were it in my power. I have never been acquainted with any members of your family, and know little of their history. If the late Oliver Phelps, Esq., of Suffield, Connecticut, was of your family, I may add that his son Oliver Leicester Phelps was a contemporary in Yale College, being two years before me in the order of the classes. If this branch belongs to your family tree, I might perhaps point you to some sources of information, although I am not certain that they would throw much light on your researches.

Thanking you for your kind feeling towards myself, I remain, dear sir, your's truly.

B. SILLIMAN.

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ANDOVER THEOL. SEMINARY, Sept. 1, 1859.

O. S. PHELPS, Esq.,

Dear Sir,—I have just returned from a journey, and find your letter of August 22nd awaiting me.

In reply, I am sorry to say that I have no records which would be of any service to you, nor has my attention been directed to our family genealogy, with any efficiency of zeal, interesting as the matter is. The only point in your letter on which I am able to speak confidently, is that of the identity of the names "Guelphs" and "Phelps." There is no doubt of this identity, though I cannot point you to the documentary evidence of it. When I was in England a few years ago, I found it to be a matter of common fame there. The original name was "Welf." The earliest trace of the family dates back to the eleventh century, or thereabouts. The family was originally settled in the north of Italy, and was early transplanted to Germany, and there assuming the name of "Guelph." The identity of the names "Guelph" and "Phelps" accords with a tradition which I have met with in several branches of the Phelps family, that we are from the same stock with the House of Hanover, of which Queen Victoria is a representative. The Queen, it is well known, derives her lineage through the "Guelphs" of Germany, from the old "Welfs" of Lombardy. I have no doubt that a good book of English and German heraldry would furnish the documentary evidence of the identity of all these names. The history of the "Guelphs" you will have no difficulty in tracing, as they were a family of great political influence in the middle ages.

My father, I believe, has a paper which has been an heirloom in our branch of the family for several generations, giving the substance of the family traditions. The best I can do for your assistance is to forward your letter to him, and ask him to send you the substance of that paper. If it gives you nothing new, it may confirm or correct information derived from other sources. You may expect to hear from him soon. Meanwhile, my best wishes are with you in your undertaking, and I shall be happy to avail myself of your success, when its results are reached. I regret that my professional engagements leave me no time to ferret out, in our public libraries, the information necessary to render you some more valuable service.

With great respect,

I remain, dear sir,

Very truly your's,

AUSTIN PHELPS.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 30, 1860.

TO OLIVER S. PHELPS, Esq.

Dear Sir,—I enclose a slip cut from a Triennial Catalogue of Yale College. It contains a list of all the persons of the name of Phelps who have been graduated in Yale College.

It is entirely out of my power to inform you who of your name have been at any time connected with Yale College, without graduating. I should think that the Hon. Francis Granger, of Canandaigua, might perhaps answer the enquiry respecting the original Phelps, of Gorham. Hon. James Savage, of Boston, has made more extensive researches than any other man on American family history; and from himself or his great work, now in volumes, on American Genealogy, you might probably derive important information.

Your's, respectfully and truly.

B. SILLIMAN.

#### PHELPS.

1744 Alexander.  
1758 Aaron.  
1758 Bildad.  
1759 Johannes.  
1766 Sethus.  
1761 Benaja.  
1776 Guilielmus.  
1776 Martinus.  
1780 Timotheus.  
1783 Noachus A.  
1793 David  
1794 Oliverus L.  
1795 Samuel.

#### PHELPS.

1800 Elisæus.  
1801 Royal.  
1811 Samuel S.  
1814 Abner. h.  
1823 Dudleius.  
1825 Edvardus E. m.  
1825 Guido R. m.  
1826 Amós A.  
1823 Johannes.  
1849 Sylvanus D. h.  
1852 Henricus E.  
1853 Benjamin K.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., November 18, 1859.

OLIVER S. PHELPS, Esq., St. Catharines, C. W.

Dear Sir, your interesting communication of September 5th, directed to me in Utah, was received to-day. I have left the army, and am now a private citizen. A younger brother has in his possession all the family records that I ever had, and I shall therefore refer your request to him.

It is doubtless of the highest importance that a good understanding should be preserved between the United States and the Mother Country at this present time; and I am happy to believe that former prejudices on the part of our people are rapidly wearing away. In fact, a party spirit that is so blind as to cherish foreigners with particular care, ought not to discriminate against any particular set of foreigners—against the English, for instance. But besides this, the force of example must have its weight; and it is becoming pretty evident to all who have had the opportunity of observing, that the British possessions are better governed than our own. It is hence that we are compelled to look upon the governing power with respect.

I forgot that while passing through Cincinnati recently, some of my Cousins there gave me a few records of our branch of the family. I herewith enclose them, but shall still refer your letter to my brother.

Should you have occasion to write me hereafter, please direct your letters to Brattleboro', Vermont. Any printed papers that you may meet with concerning the meteorology or geology of your region of the country, would be possessed of great interest for me. And at the same time I should be happy to serve you in any way, and am,

Very respectfully,  
Your obed't serv't,

J. W. PHELPS.

NEW YORK, September 9, 1859.

OLIVER S. PHELPS, Esq.,

Dear Sir,—Your favor of the 5th instant is at hand, asking some questions about the genealogy of my branch of the Phelps family. I reply hastily and imperfectly, for I have not the necessary data at hand to answer as fully as I could desire.

About the year 1660, perhaps two or three years earlier, Joseph Phelps, then a resident of Windsor, took up his residence in the then new and uninhabited town of Simsbury. Among other children, whose names I have heard but have now forgotten, was one son Joseph, born about the middle of the sixteenth century, as I judge from a copy of his will, which I have, made in 1732, in which he says, "In consequence of my great age and other infirmities," &c., &c.

This last Joseph had sons, David, Amos and some others, whose names I cannot now recall. David was my great grandfather. He was, I believe, a Captain in the old French war, and died of small-pox some time before the Revolution. This David had sons, Noah, David and Elisha.

The time of Elisha's death I cannot now tell. He left sons, George and Pitt, and perhaps others.

Noah was a captain in the Revolutionary war, and was afterwards a Major-General of Militia in the State. He acted as Commissary of the Army for a considerable period, was at the taking of Ticonderoga, and at many other engagements. He died, I think, in 1804, leaving sons Noah A., Elisha, Chandley, and I believe a son George. Elisha was for many years a member of Congress from Connecticut.

Col. Noah A. Phelps, son of the above, was educated, in part, at Yale College, settled in Simsbury, where he died about 1816, leaving a large family. His sons were Noah A., Jeffrey O., Guy R., Hector and George D. Noah has been Secretary of State, and has held many other offices of importance. He and his brother Jeffrey are both practicing law in Simsbury, at this time.

My grandfather David was also a Captain in the Revolutionary war, and was at the battle of Long Island, &c., &c. He died at Simsbury, in 1811, leaving sons as follows: David, Osias, Roswell, Alexander and Oliver C.

My father was Alexander, who was born in Simsbury, in 1769, and died there in 1852, at the age of 83. David left sons, Warren and Lyman. Osias left sons,



Judson and Osias. Roswell left no children. Oliver left one son, Oliver C., who now resides in Georgia.

I had never discovered for certain that my ancestors came over with Mr. Wareham, though I supposed they did.

I first find the name of Phelps, as we now spell it, in the 15th century, in one of the border towns of England—perhaps Sterling—as one of the number who welcomed King Edward—I believe the Third. I find it spelt Phelip—Pheleppes—Phelep—and many other ways. I have no doubt but the original name was Philip, and that the Phelps and Phillipses are one and the same name.

I find that a man of the name of "Phelps" was one of the Secretaries of the High Court of Justice which tried and condemned Charles the First in 1642. I believe his Christian name was John. His property was confiscated, and he was banished, or ran away, I have forgotten which. As the family have generally had an Oliver Cromwell among them, I judge the representatives of the name during the troublous time of Cromwell's reign must have sympathized with, and probably may have been engaged with him.

I have been more indefinite in these statements touching the Phelps family in Simsbury than I should have been, were it not for the fact that I have it in my power to put you in the way of obtaining definite and exact facts touching that branch of the Phelps. Noah A. Phelps, of Simsbury, has published a history of the town of Simsbury, and has all the facts necessary for your purpose. If you will write him, he will no doubt take great pleasure in giving you information on the subject.

In conclusion, I may remark, that I have never heard of any other Oliver Phelps in Simsbury, except my uncle, who was born about the time you name as the date of your father's birth, and died two years since. The towns of Canton and Granby have both been set off from the original town of Simsbury, and I am of the opinion that your father was born in that part of Simsbury now called Granby. There have been Phelps families there from an early period, remotely connected with the Simsbury branch. If you will state the name of your grandfather, in your letter to Noah A., he will doubtless know to what family you are connected. I have written very hastily.

I am your's truly.

JOHN J. PHELPS.

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"PROSPECT PLACE," ST. CATHARINES, C. W. March 1, 1862.

OTHNIEL PHELPS ESQ, Aylmer, C. W.

My Great Grandfather's Brother's Grandson—Aged and beloved Cousin—With the greatest pleasure, at your special request, I have selected from my multitudinous manuscripts and Phelps Records, gathered up and gleaned from the East, West, North and South, and prepared the foregoing "Genealogy," your Branch, and mine, of the "Great Phelps Family," and placed them in the hands of Mr. H. F. Leavenworth for publication. Your deep interest and well-known liberality, in wishing to publish and preserve these records for future use and reference, for your children, and for yon children's children, to the latest posterity, is worthy of the highest praise, and deserves all commendation and imitation.

As you are aware, Sir, I have been engaged, at my leisure, for the past three or four years in ferretting out, fishing up, and collecting together all the Phelps Figures, Phelps Facts, Phelps Records and Phelps Documents, of any interest, I possibly could, from whatsoever source, far and near, for my "Big Book," entitled, "History and Genealogy of the universal Phelps Family," soon to issue from the press; and with tolerable good success. I have already written over 8,000 letters; received a host of Phelps Records and Documents; and spent above \$1,000, thus far, in my Phelps-researches.

If this letter, in this genealogy of yours, should chance to fall into the hands, or meet the eye, or reach the ear of any "Phelps," in any part of this wide world, who has not yet communicated with the undersigned, I beg of him, or them, to lose no time, in ferretting out and forwarding to the underwriter a correct copy of his or their own family Records, from the present period, back as far as they possibly can trace them, together with true transcripts of any old Phelps Letters, Phelps Wills, or other Phelps papers of any interest, worthy of insertion and preservation, in my Genealogical Work, and thus wrest them from the devouring and destroying

hands of "old Mortality," and of "old Father time." It is strikingly surprising and unaccountably strange to witness the coldness and apathy, the indifference and neglect of many of our common Patronymic on this interesting subject. For what perhaps, might require and cost them a single hour's time and trouble, in hunting up, and transcribing from their old Family Bibles and elsewhere, their Records, and sending me, would enable me, to present, in my "big Book," a complete chain; link by link, hooks, swivel, and all; their line down from William or George Phelps, of 1680, the first Phelps comers; or from Richard at Dorchester; Edward at Newbury; Henry, John and Nicholas at Salem; Samuel at Boston; William, John, and William near Boston, Mass., after-comers; as well as other succeeding comers of a later period still; but if such careless Phelps' withhold copies of their Family Records, they need not complain of the incompleteness of our "Work," so far as their branches are concerned, but blame themselves and their neglect, for it, entirely. The deficiencies in this Genealogy, (and there are many,) you well know, sir, are wholly attributed to this same cause, in others; for it has been like pulling out eye teeth, or mauling rails from knotty elm, to extract from some what we have already obtained!

Everything pertaining to our Fore-Fathers and Fore-Mothers, however trivial in themselves, as well as our childhood's home, and our mother's love, seem sweet and sacred to us, now that they have gone home to Heaven. Their birth-places, their dwelling-places, and their burial-places—their writings and works—their lives and lands—their records and readings—their erections and examples—their purity and piety. And we devoutly implore our Heavenly Father to bless their holy teachings to us, to our children, and to our children's children, world without end; and to make them as healing to us as the Balm of Gilead; as lasting as the Zidonian widow's cruise of oil and handfull of meal; and as fragrant as Mary's alabaster box of ointment on the feet of Jesus; and as the prophetic mantle of Elijah, when he was caught up to Heaven by a whirlwind, fell upon Elisha, his servant, who gazing on him steadfastly while ascending, and wondrously exclaiming, "My Father! my Father! The chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof,"—so may the pure precepts and pious mantles of our Fathers and Mothers—of our Fore-Fathers and Fore-Mothers—descend upon us; upon our children; and upon our children's children, to the latest generations and Genealogies of Phelps', and of men.

Respectfully, and Phelpsly, yours,

OLIVER SEYMOUR PHELPS.

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MALAHIDE, AYLMEY, Elgin County, C. W., April 12, 1862.

I hardly know how to express my gratitude for your noble and heroic stand you have taken in my behalf in this knotty and intricate work. To return you thanks, my unlettered tongue and untaught pen is incapable of so doing. I am old, almost disabled in writing. Dear Oliver, I send you my warmest thanks for your kindness to me and the race of Phelps; and my prayer is that the Phelps all will honor you for the great mass of records you are leaving for Phelps unborn, to amuse themselves in the legends of historic pages, when you and poor old bodies like me behind to see in the days of yore what they have been. My love to you, Mrs. Phelps, your wife, your aged mother, Mr. St. John, also Mary Ann, your sister. How amiable, how lovely, God-like she appeared to me. You are all before me—all the time in my view. How sorry I am I did not stay one day more with you all. All I can say, I was just waked up out of a long sleep; my nap was not so long as Rip Van Wynkle's, but my Morpheus king made it long enough for my brains.

Now the genealogy of Barritt, born, as you know, in Hebron. I have not the records. Julius, David's son, sends me this:—Barritt Phelps died in Cambridge, in August, 1789. His widow, Hannah Phelps Bigelow, in August, 1806. The year that Barritt moved to Belchertown, Massachusetts, Hampshire County, on the pitch-pine plains, I cannot find out; but my father and several were born in Belchertown; my grandfather sold out, and went back to good old Hebron, the Spring that my father was 7 years old. When he was 14, he, Barritt, sold out in Hebron, and moved to Cambridge, Washington Co., State of New York; that was in the year of our Lord 1777, and was in the hearing and seeing of all Bur-

goyne bravos, and down with his sword on the banks of Fish Creek. Othniel has seen the spot. My father's account of his age in moving was incorrect, from Hebron; he was 12 years old, in Julius Phelps' letter before me. I find Barritt had fourteen children—7 sons and 7 daughters; one died when 3 days old; it was not christened—this was the first Elisha; all the rest lived to manhood and womanhood. Edith, the eldest, married twice; had by the first wife, Pharoe and Polly. I have seen Northumberland; the last of Pharoe in Manlius Square; Russell, Eli's son, by the second wife, was hung with Vonshultz, in Kingston, in the insurrection of Canada notoriety. Olive P. married Jos. Williams, Hebron; settled in Easton, Washington county, 4 miles from Barritt's; both died in Easton; Anna died in 1824; has two living, Stephen and Nancy; Stephen has 12 children, all in Wisconsin. Edith J. married John Selden; had six children; died in Kingsbury. Olive P. married Nicholas Wait; had seven children, four living; Olive died in Oakland county, Michigan. Lydia Phelps married Beriah Stiles, of Hebron, Ct.; both died near Albion, Orleans Co., N. Y. Mary, twin to Lydia, married Cornell Wilkison, died in Easton, in May, 1802. Roxy Phelps married Belah Dudley, by the last news, at Battle Creek, Barry county, Michigan. Elisha Phelps, Barritt's son, married three times, had no children, and died in Cambridge, N. Y.

You asked me for all those Phelpses that migrated to the Wyoming settlement. It consisted of eight settled townships. Pioneers were from Quinticut or Connecticut. Our grandfather's brothers, James and Elijah Phelps, moved there in 1769 or 1770, I am not able to say; both brothers had large families. Emigrant Elijah had sons athletic, young and stout hearts. Elijah's sons were as follows: first, Elijah, of Queenstown memory, Othniel, Joel; also Enos, one of his sons, I have seen. The father and son, Othniel, was slain in the battle of Wyoming. Joel was shot through the body, and left for dead, and was picked up by his Uncle and Capt. James Phelps, and carried on a litter through the forest, over hill, dale and-swamp, by a glance of the map, I would say, 200 miles, to my grandfather Barritt Phelps house, in Cambridge, Washington county. My father, although quite forgotten by Joel's descendants, during his stay at my grand parent's, waited on Joel and nursed him. There was one David Phelps killed at the same time. Capt. Ransom, my father's cousin, and many more shut up in a house not burnt, says the historic pages. I have forgotten all the numerous connections that were slain on that eventful day. I have got it into my recollection at last, by the help of my brother Beriah, that grandmother Hannah Phelps had the records of the Phelps family as far back as Timothy Phelps; it is gone; it has been hunted for by me; that day caused Hebron to mourn, and Colechester too.

I forgot to say that Noah Phelps, twin to my father, was killed raising a barn, in Watertown, Jefferson county, April, 1803. His only son was killed in battle, in Sackett's Harbour, in 1813. Noah had nine daughters and two sons. Noah, killed at Sackett's Harbor; Julius was killed when three years old, in climbing over a log fence, in 1797.

Very respectfully,

Your obed't serv't,

### OTHNIEL PHELPS—:

Who was the eldest son of David and Mary (Sperry) Phelps, formerly of Belchertown, Mass., and subsequently of Hebron, Ct., and Cambridge and Charleston N. Y., and latterly of Brantford and Boston, and BayBam, C. W.—:

Who was the thirteenth child of Barrett and Hannah (Bigelow) Phelps, formerly of old Hebron, Ct., but latterly of Cambridge, N. Y.—:

Who was the second son of Noah and Anne (Dyer) Phelps of old Hebron, Ct.—:

Who was the third child of Timothy and Martha [Crow] Phelps, of formerly old Windsor, but latterly of Hebron, Ct.—:

Who was the eldest son of Lieut. Timothy and Mary (Griswold) Phelps of old Windsor, Ct.—:

Who was the fifth and youngest son of Mr. William and Mary (Dover) Phelps of formerly Porlock, old England: but latterly of Windsor, Ct., New England,

## OUR FORE-FATHER'S AND FORE-MOTHER'S SONG !

*(Composed about the year 1630, taken memoriter in 1791, from the lips of an old Phelps Lady, at the advanced age of 92.)*

## I.

The place where we live is a wilderness wood,  
Where grass is much wanting that's fruitful and good ;  
Our mountains and hills and our vallies below,  
Being commonly covered with ice and with snow ;  
And where the north-west wind with violence blows,  
Then every man pulls his cap over his nose ;  
But if any's so hard, and will it withstaud,  
He forfeits a finger, a foot or a hand.

## II.

But when the spring opens, we then take the hoe,  
And make the ground ready to plant and to sow ;  
Our corn being planted, and seed being sown,  
The worms destroy much before it is grown ;  
And when it is grown some spoil there is made,  
By birds and by squirrels that pluck up the blade ;  
And when it is come to full corn in the ear,  
It is after destroyed by racoon and by deer.

## III.

And now our old garments begin to grow thin,  
And wool is much wanted to card and to spin ;  
If we can get a garment to cover without,  
Our other IN garments are clout upon clout ;\*  
Our clothes we brought with us are apt to be torn,  
They need to be clouted soon after they're worn ;  
But clouting our garments they hinder us nothing,  
Clouts double, are warmer than single whole clothing.

## IV.

If fresh meat be wanting to fill up our dish,  
We have carrots and pumpkins and turnips and fish ;  
And is there a mind for a delicate dish ?  
We repair to the clam banks and there we catch fish,  
Instead of pottage and puddings and custards and pies,  
Our pumpkins and parsnips are common supplies ;  
We have pumpkins at morning and pumpkins at noon,  
If it was not for pumpkins we should be undone.

## V.

If barley be wanting to make into malt,  
We must be contented and think it no fault ;  
For we can make liquor to sweeten our lips,  
Of pumpkins and parsnips and walnut tree chips ;

(Four lines here are found wanting in this originally truthful and beautifully simple song.)

## VI.

Now while some are going, let others be coming,  
For while liquor's a boiling it must have a scumming ;  
But I will not blame them, for birds of a feather,  
By seeking their fellows are flocking together.  
But you whome the Lord intends hither to bring,  
Forsake not the honey for fear of the sting ;  
But bring both a quiet and contented mind,  
And all needful blessings you surely will find.

(\* Clout signifies patching.)











































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